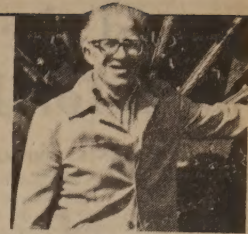


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## Boyfriend on Albany stage

By JIM GRODNIK

**ALBANY** — Although he has the smallest part in Albany High School's "The Boyfriend," Joe Good, 16, never misses a rehearsal. On the other hand, as one of the female leads, Dominique Poree, 17, can't miss a rehearsal. But for each person in the 30-member cast, no matter the size of the part, there's a thrill in the hours of preparation for the school's annual spring musical. And then there's the big payoff of the performance itself. The annual production, now in its 15th year, has become an Albany High School tradition.

This year's play, "The Boyfriend," by Sandy Wilson, is a Roaring Twenties comedy set on the French Riviera. It's a fast-paced farce centered around the romances of the young women who attend Madame Dubonnet's School for Girls.

Good, who is in a physics and calculus honors program, has no illusions about his singing ability. Last year, in "The Music Man," he had six, small speaking roles. Again this year, he is cast only in speaking parts, as a waiter and a gendarme.

Although Good isn't in the first act, and has less stage time than any other cast member, he's at nearly all of the weekly 25 hours of rehearsal. "It's lots of fun working with the cast," he said. "I just like to see how we're getting along."



Brian Chamberlain and Stacey Westphal kick up their heels

Poree, a senior transfer student from Miramonte High in Orinda, was reluctant to even try out for the play. Until a Christmas concert last December, she had not sung a solo since the sixth grade.

One of her teachers was impressed by her effort and persuaded her to audition for the musical. She landed the part of Polly Browne.

"I'm having a great time," she said. "Everybody's getting wound up."

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Photos by Frank Westphal

Cast members include (back, l.-r.), Dominique Poree, Hari Boukis, Pieter Snapper, Debbie Hein; (front, l.-r.), Cassis Henry, Brian Chamberlain and Stacey Westphal.

## City 'borrows' funds

Council says it is just a cash-flow problem

By FRANCES THOMAS

**ALBANY** — The City Council, facing a cash shortage, has okayed inter-fund loans allowing the city to pay its bills and meet its payroll.

The council voted Monday to allow the finance department to make short-term loans from its insurance funds to its general fund. About \$73,000 will be loaned immediately.

But City Administrator William Haden and Treasurer Jo Ann Conner said the cash-flow problem could be an indication of a long-term financial problem, perhaps meaning personnel cuts or a public safety tax.

The city's self-insurance program began in 1977 and without the council's authorization the insurance money cannot be used to pay routine expenses.

Haden said the cash-flow problem was the result of dwindling tax revenues. He said while the sales tax revenue and the lot tax revenue from Golden Gate Fields were up, the utility tax, property tax and construction permit taxes were down.

The city, which by law must end the fiscal year in the black, usually has a "dry spell" in the fall before property taxes come in. But Haden said this year the general fund was in the red almost from the beginning of the fiscal year last July.

"It sounds shocking," he said. "But this is something we have been fighting all year."

Dario Meniketti, an Albany resident who attends all council meetings, said the city staff and the council had failed to alert the public to this problem.

"It's malfeasance," Meniketti said. "It is illegal. In order to compensate for these dipplings, we should start talking about layoffs."

Mayor Ruth Ganong told Meniketti, "Our problem is cash-flow. It isn't that we're broke."

But Meniketti responded, "You can't cover it up and hope it will go away."

Haden and Conner told the council about the cash-flow problem last week. They said the council was in-

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The skinny lot is a winner

## EC design awards given



Photo by James Pease

This house had to be thin to fit on a 25 by 128-foot lot in El Cerrito

By DON McCORMACK

**EL CERRITO** — The challenge was formidable — build a home on a lot 25 feet wide and 128 feet long and find someone to buy it.

Build it on speculation, since the bankers threw up their hands in horror.

Take out a second mortgage on your home and have your partner squeeze another mortgage out of his mother's house.

If no one buys it, dust off the dunce cap and get in the line for food stamps.

"Everyone basically told me I was crazy," said Michael Spexarth, minutes after the El Cerrito City Council presented him last week with a 1983 design award. "Even the local policeman came by and said we were nuts."

Spexarth built the home at 6603 Lincoln Avenue last summer and

within two weeks had an offer and within a month had it sold, but the buyer's financing fell through.

Then in December, Spexarth and his partner George Skaates sold the home for \$107,000 to David and Henrietta Perry.

"It's not just like any other house," said David Perry. "It's clever. The wood was individually picked."

Also honored were architects Josie and George Villareal for their four-bedroom home at 8426 Wildcat Drive.

### Where's the beef?

**A**fter a joint city council meeting that concluded in a San Pablo Avenue bar, Albany and El Cerrito leaders voted last night to secede from the United States.

At 2 a.m., weary mayors J. Ruthgong, Albany, and Abel Howardson, El Cerrito, issued this statement from the Mal-a-dy Tavern:

"The cities of Albany and El Cerrito, crippled by federal taxes and bureaucracy, have voted to withdraw, secede, disengage and depart from the United States."

The new nation, to be known as All Burrito, will have the power to tax its citizens at will. Sales tax revenue will be invested in pari-mutuel betting at Golden Gate Fields by knowledgeable council members.

Shortfalls will be met by property tax increases to be determined by a series of weekly coin flips.

Several angry citizens opposed the secession, which will begin April Fool's Day, but were assuaged when told that the new nation would be eligible for massive influxes of foreign aid from the United States.

George did the outside, Josie the inside. She said, smiling, "I was looking over his shoulder all the time."

Awards for office rehabilitation were given to dentist Terence Murphy, architect Bruce Dodd and contract Wilson Allen for Murphy's office at 901 Kearney St.

The landscaping award was bestowed on St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 11150 San Pablo Ave.

Accepting the award for the St. John volunteers, Joe Dowling said the work was done over two summers by parents and children at St. John's school, which enrolls 295.

"We're not finished yet," he told council members. The landscaping was spread over three years. Next year will be the last year, Dowling said.

Spexarth conquered the Lincoln Avenue lot by designing a 16 by 60 foot building that yielded one bedroom, a half a bedroom (no closet), a kitchen, a bathroom and a half bathroom, a living room and a garage.

The two-story house covers 960-square feet and is built so another room can be added easily over the garage and, if necessary, beyond.

"No one thought the lot was buildable," said Spexarth, who had to get three variances from El Cerrito before the job could be done.

Perry said the home, which has two skylights, was well-insulated, had some thermal windows and was designed to pick up the southern sun. "Very energy efficient," he summed up.

"Everything inside is quality," said Spexarth, an independent contractor. "We sort of got carried away."

Bankers declined to lend him money in part because of the lot size, in part because he was building in an older neighborhood, which is unusual.

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## Colusa development fight isn't over yet

By JIM GRODNIK

**KENSINGTON** — Foes of the Colusa Circle shopping center haven't given up their battle to stop construction of the project.

Bill Johnston, president of the Colusa-Arlington Neighborhood Association, said his group has appealed a member ruling in which Superior Court Judge Edward Merrill gave the project the green light.

The appeal, which was filed in Martinez on March 16, is a second attempt to halt developer Edward Hammonds' first-phase project on Colusa Avenue.

Hammonds reacted to latest legal salvo from neighborhood opponents by saying, "I'm not concerned about it. He said architects are currently drawing up plans, and county approval is forthcoming, ground-breaking will begin in as little as two months."

Johnston said the neighborhood organization has invested \$10,000 in legal fees opposing the project, and is

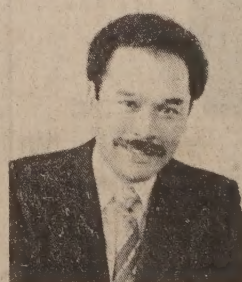
now out of funds. A block sale on April 28 is being planned to help pay legal expenses.

Because of the financial pinch, the group is attempting to find an attorney to represent them at no charge. Mark Weinberger, who is still the attorney of record, said, "I feel the judge's decision is wrong, and there's a substantial chance of vindication in court."

Hammonds would set not a dollar value on what attorneys have cost him so far, saying only, "It's very expensive. It's ridiculous for either side to be paying expensive legal fees."

In December, Judge Merrill denied the neighbors' injunction to halt the project. Merrill ruled that the county had properly given the project the go-ahead without requiring an environmental impact report. He said also that the impact of traffic and parking had been adequately assessed.

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Ed Hammonds



# Would the landfill make good park for RV's this summer?

By FRANCES THOMAS

ALBANY — The city's landfill, a flattened mound of metal, concrete and 20 years of trash, could be turned into a camper park this summer, raising money for the city and offering visitors a camp site with a spectacular view.

Clarke Armstrong, an Albany resident, ask the City Council Monday to investigate the possibility of turning the landfill into a park for recreational vehicles (RV's).

"The view is tremendous and you are going to have thousands of people in the area," Armstrong said. "You can give them a place to stay for \$10 a night and it is a big money-making investment for a small amount."

## BOYFRIEND

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For Poree, who is also a violinist and graphic artist, one of the pleasures of performing is the camaraderie with the other performers.

"We're like a big family," she said. "I had a fight with my mom and I was upset, but when I got to rehearsal I felt safe and protected."

"The Boy Friend" is co-directed by Philip Rolnick, Albany's choir director, and Virginia Behm, MacGregor High School principal. They are also the producers along with Kirstan Hunsaker.

Behm and Hunsaker direct the choreography; sophomore David McGaw is the production manager.

Mike Goldman, Frank Westphal and Ed Hill helped to design, construct and paint the sets. School librarian Mary Wallman is the rehearsal accompanist.

Others in the cast include:

• Hari Boukis, a senior who is performing in his third musical. In addition to playing Tony Brockhurst, Boukis built most of the sets for the play.

• Cassis Henry, 15, an honor student who will graduate this year. She plays Hortense the maid, a character she described as "an incurable roman-

The landfill was closed Jan. 1, 1984 when a 20-year contract with its operator expired. The city plans to close the site and eventually develop it for recreational and commercial use.

But in the meantime Armstrong said the city had "a tremendous possibility" in terms of using the site. Armstrong said since there were no electrical gas or water hookups at the landfill, only energy-sufficient campers could use the site.

He also said the city would need to provide 24-hour security patrols at the site.

The council took no action on Armstrong's suggestion.

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• Stacey Westphal, who has the part of Madcap Maisie, the part made famous by Twigg in the Broadway production. Westphal, this year's homecoming queen, was in "The Music Man" last year.

• Brian Chamberlain, senior and editor of the school paper, "The Informer." Chamberlain, who is student body vice president, and performs in the orchestra and jazz band, plays Bobby Van Jensen.

• Pieter Snapper, a junior, who plays Percival Browne. He's in the ensemble, choir, jazz band and orchestra. This is his third musical at Albany High.

• Debbie Hein, who plays Mme. Dubonnet. She is a senior, president of the choir and ensemble and student body secretary/treasurer.

"The Boyfriend" will run from Thursday, April 5, to Sunday, April 8. All four performances are at 8 p.m. at the Albany Little Theatre, with the exception of the Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at Albany High School. They cost \$4.50 for general admission; \$3.75 for AHS students; and \$3.75 for Albany elementary school students on Sunday. Call 525-7131 for information.

• To adopt a permit parking ordinance, which it passed on the first reading last week.

• Not to meet in closed session with the Albany Peace Officers Association to discuss the continuing contract dispute. City Attorney Robert Zweben said such a meeting would violate the state open-meeting law.

• To ask the police chief and traffic and safety committee to review a state bill that would allow cities to set speed limits on residential street and use radar to enforce the speed limit. Ganong said the bill might be a way to stop speeders on well-traveled Marin Avenue.

• To proclaim April 1-8 as storytelling week in Albany.

## Conference focuses on women's health

Women's health issues, including smoking, osteoporosis, eating disorders and cosmetic surgery, will be discussed at a women's conference on April 14 at Mills College in Oakland.

The meeting is titled "Women's Health: Effecting Personal and Social Change," and it is co-sponsored by the Alameda County Unit of the American Cancer Society, Eden Hospital in Castro Valley, and Mills College, in cooperation with the Contra Costa Unit, American Cancer Society, and the Greater Contra Costa County Cancer Program. Reservations are being accepted by the Alameda County Unit of the Cancer Society.

Lunch time keynote speaker will be Tish Sommers, president of the Older Women's League and a full-time volunteer activist on behalf of older women. Sommers is fighting cancer, and the title of her talk is "On the Road to Recover — With Hope."

Mills College President Mary S. Metz will welcome conference participants at 9 a.m., and the meeting will end at 5 p.m. The morning will feature a panel discussion of several topics: multiple social roles of women; smoking and women; osteoporosis, eating disorders, pre-menstrual syndrome, and cosmetic surgery. The afternoon will be devoted to workshops focussing on stages of adulthood in women. Each participant will be able to choose two of these workshops.

The conference fee of \$25 includes the luncheon and materials. The fee for students and seniors is \$20. To register, send a check made to the American Cancer Society along with your name, address, day phone number and choice of afternoon workshops. Students should indicate their school affiliation.

Send the registration to Alameda County Unit, American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 12676, Oakland, 94604. For further information call the Alameda Unit office at 832-7012.

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## Music maker

On Friday, March 30 at 8 p.m., the Young People's Symphony Orchestra will perform its scholarship concert. Featured soloists will include violinist Natasha Zalkin, of Kensington (left); Keiko Steimetz, Erika Vergara and Leslie Dennis. Proceeds will go toward scholarships for young musicians. The concert will be at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, Dana and Channing Way. Tickets are \$3, general; \$1, students and seniors.

## Briefs

### Forum set on sculpture

ALBANY — An open meeting to discuss a proposed sculpture park will be held by the Albany Arts Committee at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3 in the council chambers at City Hall.

Residents will have the opportunity to view photographs of the three works approved for purchase by the arts committee and to hear details of the public art proposal presented to City Council at the March 5 meeting.

The arts committee has asked that City Council accept the works for installation on the Key Route strip between Washington and Portland avenues.

Funds for the purchase were contributed by Albany resident Dario Menchetti.

### Want a free paint job?

In honor of Private Property Week, April 8-14, the West Contra Costa Board of Realtors has announced a "call for entries" for a free exterior house painting.

"We want to help our community in a tangible way, to roll up our sleeves and contribute to property improvement and civic pride," said J.J. Dagna, chairperson of the board's communications committee.

To enter the house painting contest, submit your name, address, telephone number and a brief statement on why you believe your home should be selected. Homes must be owner-occupied and in West Contra Costa County. Judges will be looking for unusual family or financial circumstances as criteria for the winner.

All entries must be sent to the West Contra Costa Board of Realtors, 46th and Nevin Avenue, Richmond 94805 no later than April 14.

### Boy Scouts fingerprint

EL CERRITO — A team of three El Cerrito Police Explorers fingerprinted more than 100 children last week at Madera School.

The free fingerprinting event was part of the "Save Our Children" program aimed at identifying children in case they are lost, and was under the auspices of the Madera PTA.

The Explorers worked under the supervision of Detective Danny Bell.

### Artist at church show

KENSINGTON — April "Artist of the Month," Lois Lucking Barnes, will be at the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley on April 1.

Barnes' photos focus on flowers, boats, and trees. A former student of architecture, she lives in Berkeley and is the mother of five.

During the month of April her photographs of scenes around the world will be on display in the McGrew Fireside Room.

The Peace Committee of the Unitarian Church is planning a lunch that day to benefit the Calderon family from El Salvador.

### 'Healing' class set

ALBANY — The Sennin Organization is offering a two month introductory course in Japanese Sennin Ryoji style healing arts, for anyone aged 14 and above. Included is membership in the Sennin Organization.

Tuition is \$65. Classes start at the Albany Sennin Organization Dojo, 1309 Solano Avenue, on April 1. Pre-registration is needed. Sennin Ryoji is a healing system in which energy is transferred from the practitioner to the subject through pressing with the palms, thumbs and fingers. Stretching exercises are also introduced. For information call 526-7518 or 548-6446.

### Need info on computers?

Representatives of Digital Equipment, Kaypro, and Morrow Computers will be on hand to answer questions and celebrate the official opening of Berkeley Computer's new Services Center.

The public is invited to the opening party and reception on Thursday, April 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Berkeley Computer, 1569 Solano Ave.

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## Developers seek new members

MARTINEZ — The Contra Costa Development Association, having broken free from the county government, has launched a drive to recruit more business people.

Founded in 1936, the association has functioned as a countywide chamber of commerce, encouraging businesses to move to Contra Costa and taking stands on business issues.

For decades it was funded by the county, but in wake of shrinking support, the association last year severed all ties with government.

"We are shifting from a concern about specific business or industry problems to one of a wider view," said Jack Carhart, president of the association and president of Los Medanos College in Pittsburg.

"We believe that local business should be involved in the growth of the regional community."

The association will be moving from Martinez, where it has been located for 42 years, to Bishop Ranch in Danville area. After April 2, the address will be 28220 Op Dr., Suite 110, San Ramon 94583. Telephone 838-0000. For information before that date, call 228-0800.

## Hooked on booze or dope? Here's help

Free public workshops on dealing with alcohol or drug dependency will be sponsored by two hospitals this month in Albany and El Cerrito.

The workshops will be conducted by the Merritt Institute of Oakland which is associated with Merritt and Peralta Hospitals.

Participants will include co-workers, friends and family members of persons with dependency problems. Lasting one hour, the sessions will begin at 1 p.m. April 9 in the Albany Community Center at 1123 8th and 7 p.m. April 10 in the Albany Middle School library at 1000 Jackson Ave.

Later workshops will be held at 1 p.m. April 16 at El Cerrito Senior Center, 6500 Stockton, and at 7 p.m. April 19 at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7 Moers Lane.

## Volunteers needed to visit homebound

Home Health and Counseling's Friendly Visitor program is made up of volunteers who visit homebound elderly persons in their homes throughout Contra Costa County.

Volunteers are people of all ages who visit people with similar interests living nearby. A visitor writes letters for a friend, take him or her for a ride, aloud, or simply talk.

Volunteers are needed in all areas of the county. 758-4985 for information.

### Tenor sings

Tenor Hannibal Means will be the guest soloist at a free pre-Easter concert to be given in the sanctuary of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way, on Thursday, April 5, at 1 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the program. Sponsored by the Women's Fellowship, will last approximately three-quarters of an hour.

Reservations for the lunch at noon, prior to the concert, may be made by contacting Charlotte Clayton (524-2917) or Lois Atkinson (526-7590).

### Art clinic set for spring

KENSINGTON — Kensington Community Council will sponsor an art clinic during Easter week from April 16-20.

Children can enroll varying days and hours. Part of the weekly program will be a daily art clinic with Twyla Arthur from 10 a.m.

Sign up reservations now being taken by Kensington Recreation 525-0292 or 528-3070.

## AWARDS

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"You have got to have a little faith that a neighborhood is worth it, that things just don't go to hell because the housing is a little older," said Spaxart, who had high praise for the city staff.

"I'd do it again if I could find a buildable 25-foot lot in El Cerrito," he said.

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# Alarming increase seen in armed robberies

By JOHN ADAMS

Armed robberies have soared in the West County and even quiet communities like El Cerrito are facing the pressure of these dangerous crimes.

In Richmond, robberies of all kinds increased from 1982 to 605 in 1983, an upward swing of 18 percent. In El Cerrito, armed robbery increased from 47 in 1982 to 103 in 1983, a rise of 100 percent. And although San Francisco doesn't keep separate statistics for armed robberies, police say a noteworthy increase in the crimes has occurred in the first two months of 1984.

The local upswing is singular since statewide figures show robberies of all kinds fell 6.3 percent in 1983.

Sgt. Ray Ramer of the Richmond Police Department, says most robberies are crimes of opportunity. They aren't planned, but happen when a gunman or a strongarm robber finds a likely victim in an unguarded area.

"Many victims here are elderly," notes Ramer.

He's not sure why robberies, particularly armed robberies, are on the upswing, but one reason may be that armed clerks and unwary citizens make things too easy for the criminals.

Police emphasize avoiding dangerous situations, saying that by the time someone sticks a gun in your ribs and demands your cash, you have already lost.

The best defense against an armed robber, says El Cerrito Lt. Bill Edmunds, is never to get in a place where you feel safe to approach you. "Physically resisting an armed assailant is dangerous. It is better to give up proper-

ty then risk injury."

But Edmunds cautions, "submission should not be to the point of accepting physical harm. There's an old ethic that applies here. If you have been the victim of an armed robbery and have not been harmed, you have succeeded, even though you had to give up property."

Officer David Parsons, of the Richmond Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit, says one important consideration for citizens is not to carry more cash than one needs to conduct daily business.

"Do as much of your business as you can by check or credit card."

Parsons doesn't advocate carrying a weapon. "First, it's illegal. Second, all too often the weapon is used against you." Merchants should avoid making night deposits when possible, he adds, and avoid establishing a routine that a bandit might track.

"Victims shouldn't play hero," cautions police Detective Joe Aita of San Pablo. "If you try to resist you will probably lose. Your assailant wants cash. But he also wants to get away after he gets it."

Aita points to the fatal shooting outside Value Village in 1983 when a manager refused to turn an envelope of cash over to a gunman and was shot down. What would have been a holdup became a still-unsolved murder. That's what worries officers the most. Armed robberies all too often turn into dangerous confrontations. Their point: Don't let that victim be you.

City didn't know it was there:

## Gas leak in trailer park

By DON McCORMACK

EL CERRITO — Fear-

ful explosion, El Cerrito

officials Monday shut off

gas to a 57-year-old trailer

park that some officials ad-

mitted they didn't know

existed until a few months

ago.

The shutdown is expect-

ed to force the destruction

of 18 cabins, 18 of which

were occupied, at the Peck-

ham Trailer Park, locat-

ed on San Pablo Avenue

about two blocks south of

the Del Norte BART sta-

tion.

These cabins are home to

elderly people and

people on fixed incomes,

and said at an emergen-

cy meeting called Monday

evening to discuss what

to do.

There are about 40 trail-

ers in the park, some of

which have their own pro-

pans and are not hurt

by the shutdown.

El Cerrito has jurisdic-

tion over the cabins, the

land over the trailers — a

division that complicates

the matter and that helped

hide the presence of the

cabins.

Three

cheers!

ALBANY — Albany

High School has selected its

1984 cheerleaders and

prom girls.

Chosen were head,

Kim Chrisman; co-head,

Kim Jacobsen; and Donna

Wynn, Michelle Furco,

Kim Langell, Laurie Long

and Claudia Muscardin.

They will attend a train-

ing camp in July.

Mystery set

The murder mystery mu-

tual, "Something's

Wrong," will be open at the

Albany Playhouse, 105

First Place, Point Rich-

mond on Friday, April 6.

Performances will con-

tinue Friday and Saturday

evenings at 8:30 p.m.

through May 12. There will

be three Sunday matinees

at 2:30 p.m. on April 15

and 29 and May 6.

Admission is \$5. For reser-

vation, please call 526-

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Come to

the races

ALBANY — Elm

Children's Hospi-

tal Medical Center will

host "A Day at the

Races" on Wednesday,

April 4, in the Terrace

of the Turf Club at

Golden Gate Fields.

Tickets, which include

lunch and seats for the

race, are \$15 each. They

can be obtained from

McDermott at 525-

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Lunch will be served

from 12:15 to 2 p.m. One

ticket is designated the Elm

Children's race.

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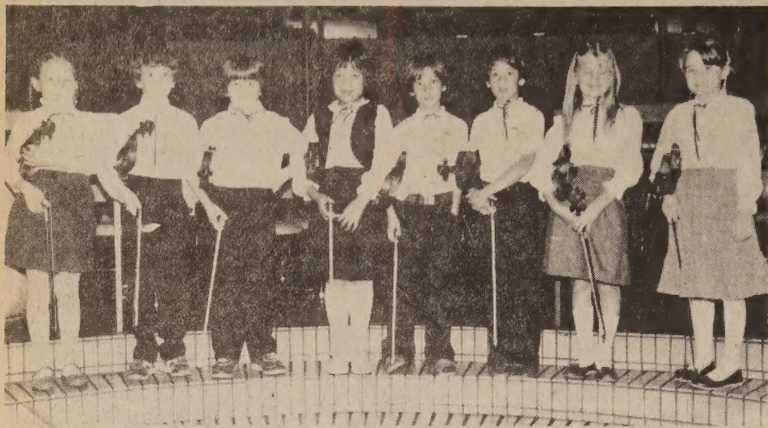
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# Suzuki players give concert



Suzuki performers include (l.-r.) Tesha McNeill-Sholar, Robert Milner, Ethan Filner, Dixie Ching, Stefan Kraft, Sebastian Kraft, Julie Campbell and Susan Barrows.

The East Bay Suzuki Music Association will hold its annual spring concert on Saturday, March 31 from 7:30 -8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley.

The free program will include selections by Mozart, Handel and Bach, as well as a presentation by the beginning players.

The East Bay Suzuki Music Association has provided

musical training for young violinists for the past 11 years. Students range in age from 2 1/2 to 18 and may play in other Bay Area orchestras.

The group follows the traditional method of the Japanese Master Teacher Shinichi Suzuki. These methods emphasize ear training and the nurturing of the musical talents of every child.

## Mail bag

### A view of India

I just read an article written by Ms. M. Dutta of Albany on her experience in the USA in the March 14 issue of Times-Journal. While I'm aware that Ms. Dutta was only narrating her "own" feelings, I, as an Indian living in the U.S. for many years, can assure your readers that the Indian community in the United States is very different from the stereotyped image Ms. Dutta paints of it. Far from living in a cocoon, the Indians in the U.S. are well integrated with the American society.

Most of the Indians are highly educated professionals living and working together with their American counterparts. And at the same time, like other ethnic groups, Indian community proudly has preserved its rich cultural heritage. As Ms. Dutta narrates in her article, the Indian community is very hospitable and tried to help her in every possible way in her initial days which she seems to be unable to appreciate.

What is surprising is that for a person like Ms. Dutta, who has lived in India, Brazil and Japan before coming to the U.S., depression should set in on her just because she did not have some American friends. It seems to me that her depression was mainly due to change in life style, meagre resources and temporary period of inactivity rather than her inability to make American friends.

Finally, considering that her husband attends UC, they live in Albany Village in an international atmosphere, her children go to American schools and she works, how pitiable it is that it took months of self-searching and depression before she could find an American friend to ask who rocked their baby at 2 p.m.!

Sharmilla Bose  
El Cerrito

### His hart is in the wrong place

U.S. hands off Central America as Gary Hart's policies would be a disaster for freedom in the Western Hemisphere. The Soviet-Cuba-Nicaraguan axis would pose its grave threat to the U.S. and millions of refugees would pour into Southwestern U.S.

Better to help Central Americans repel the aggression but Hart opposes helping Nicaraguans retake their country. He opposed the liberation of Granada and then led the drive to remove U.S. forces. He ignored the huge arms depots in Granada and his 10,000 foot climb for control of the southern Caribbean, its oil refineries, shipping which supply about 60 percent of energy needs to the eastern U.S.

Hart claims to be unaware that current Nicaraguanism is the enemy despite the fact that Red governments produce loss of freedom so necessary for individual freedom in the alleviation of that individual's poverty.

Hart opposes American pressure in Africa and the Middle East. Soviet, Iranian and Libyan aggression will soon establish Red control of the Persian Gulf and other sources of strategic metals. Hart opposes U.S. and NATO systems in or near production and favors those unlikely to be produced for many years. Such policy would increase aggression and make capitulation inevitable.

Hart opposes capital punishment and parental control of education. He supports busing and legislation favoring sex deviants despite kidnappings and attacks even on children. He favors sex "education" in the schools, the funding for abortions and the phony amendments would strip American women of their legal protection. Hart also claims to have voted against every element of Reaganomics. Need more he said?

Dr. John Hart  
Kenilworth

### Cops nab 2 suspects in business robberies

ALBANY — Police arrested two Oakland men suspected of robbing three businesses, including two in Albany, during a recent night.

Albany police arrested Ollie T. Hurd, 20, and David W. Taylor, 20, March 22 after an armed robbery at 7-11 store, 1540 Solano Ave. Police said the men also are suspected of robbing Winchell's Donut House, 940 San Pablo Ave. in Albany, and Foster's Old Fashioned Freeze, 1199 University Ave. in Berkeley, earlier that night.

The police gave this account:

After robbing the Berkeley business, one of the men walked into Winchell's about 11:15 p.m., placed a note on

the counter and pulled out a revolver. The man then reached into the cash register and took some money.

At about 3 a.m., one of the suspects entered 7-11, carrying a .22 caliber revolver, and escaped with the cash register drawer.

The Albany police spotted the two in an automobile on Fillmore Street, where the men threw the cash drawer out the window. The automobile was stopped at Solano Avenue and Pierce Street.

A revolver and undetermined amount of money were recovered.

### Plot thickens in Plaza case

I am the young lady as came into Don Viale's Speakeasy with Madam Moralsky the night the dear madam was so cruelly killed, and I am very offended about you saying in your newspaper that the madam was, and I quote, "proprietor of the infamous Red House for wayward girls."

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### A vote for Cheasty

In this April election for City Council I recommend Albany voters look closely at the qualifications of Robert Cheasty. I had the opportunity to work with Robert on the Pension Advisory Committee and found him to be a hard working, knowledgeable, and most importantly, willing to listen to divergent sides of an emotional issue.

He was the major author of the entire committee report to the City Council and I feel no better job could have been done. He will bring to the City Council a clear mind on all the issues, a non-alignment with any party and an intelligent approach to city government. I urge Albany citizens to vote for Robert Cheasty.

Harry Adams

### On sports & politics

Stephen Radkey's article "The Sacred Baseball" not specific as to what prompted his ire. His reference to Little League being a Sacred Cow, requires paying tribute to age to, has political overtones and be sure you support or it is almost certain defeat is without substance and demeaning to the many volunteers who make up this organization.

I will assume this reaction was caused by the plan of Council candidate Bob Luoma and myself in his campaign literature. Yes, I am currently the president of Albany Little League and I chose to have my picture with him, as I did for Mayor Ganong as chairman of the Pension Advisory Committee, with Councilman Maloney when I was the mayor and I certainly let it be known I supported Bob Zweben for reelection, as the mayor. I see I am the politician, not the Little League, don't remember seeing me at the City Hall every Monday for over four years?

Now for your statement that every person seeking office should be sure you are a member or support Little League or face certain defeat is without merit. Recently elected Council members Gleason, Griffin, Jackson, Howell, George, Ganong, Johns, Krusem, McManus, Rotramel, to my memory did not allude to being a member of this organization in their campaign literature. Bob Luoma, who is still actively supporting the Little League does state this, as I did. Bob's 28 years and my 19 year volunteer service deserves mentioning regardless of this organization.

The real Little League people you will find on the fields moving dirt, mowing the lawn, raking the sand, pounding in fence poles, coaching the kids and crying blood, sweat and tears. This is labor, not a political act with significant overtones, just plain grunts and groans.

Yes, we will have our annual parade on April 22nd. We start planning the parade in October and if you are serious about starting a 4th of July parade, then start planning now. Bob Luoma and I will probably give you a hand if you need it.

The political issue is Bill Lewis, not the Albany Little League, so lay off this organization.

Bill Lewis  
Former Police Officer

## El Cerrito campaigns against signs

By DON McCORMACK

EL CERRITO — Fingers crossed, the El Cerrito City Council voted last week to charge candidates with even though many may not pay.

The money will go to offset the cost of taking down political signs and enforcing the sign ordinance.

"The amount of money is so miniscule," said Mayor Howard Abelson, wondering if it was worth the effort to trouble to pursue the candidates.

Many candidates pay companies to erect signs, said, and the companies "just put them up anywhere."

Council member Gregg Howe, who cast the sole dissenting vote, spoke for keeping elections free of commercialism and made a motion to set the fee at zero. His proposal died for want of a second.

Council member Charles Lewis IV said the fee would be hard to collect from outside candidates, school board members, county supervisors and state office seekers. President Reagan's name was even mentioned as a candidate for a \$15 fee.

In the end, the council, saying it wanted people to pay city services to pay the bill, went along with \$15, ordering the bill to be mailed in a packet to candidates. City Manager Ron Creagh has the task of working out the details of enforcement.

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## Features

## Visiting China: dream of a lifetime

Like to think of myself as a relatively sophisticated traveler. I'm not the sort to show up in a Hawaiian shirt or gawk at big buildings. So how come I was jumping up and down, murmuring, "I'm in China, oh boy, I'm in China?"

From that first hasty walk in the cold night air from the terminal to the customs and reception building in Shanghai, to the final weary wait for a return flight two weeks later from Beijing, I was excited. China: the great unknown. The subject of high school debate: should Red

Text and  
photo by  
Roberta  
Alexander

China be admitted to the United Nations? The magical and exotic country where women's feet once were bound and crippled. The nation that made food preparation an art form.

My visit to China last month as part of a group of 58 American media people was a chance for me to climb into my Viewmaster slides; the one might be "The People's Garden" instead of the Enchanted Lotus Park," but the pictures were the

Our trip was organized by the China International Travel Service (CITS), the government agency concerned with tourism. CITS wants the world to know that China is open for tourism, and one way of getting the word out is to bring in media people and unroll the red carpet. Thus for most of our stay we were cosseted and fêted.

The Chinese bureaucracy is awe-inspiring. It worked to our advantage in that many things were arranged smoothly for us, so smoothly that the seams didn't show. It also had its down side, its pettingfog detail, its rigid rules-are-rules mentality, and we got our first taste of it at the Shanghai airport.

Two buses appeared to take us to our hotel. "Passengers from New York, take bus 1; passengers from San Francisco, take bus 2," the guides told us. Fourteen hours in a plane weakens the spirit, so we simply boarded the buses as instructed. But by morning, the troops were restless, and the Chinese guides were clearly unprepared for how independent, not to say fractious, American journalists can be. People who'd been assigned roommates across the country wanted to change bus assignments. Some wanted to ride with people they'd gotten friendly with on the plane. And others simply wanted to get on whatever bus was nearest.

(Personally, I didn't care. But I must confess that I had a momentary qualm about joining the San Francisco bus; I guess in my heart I still think I'm a New Yorker. I happened to overhear the woman who later qualified as the group's least likable member haranguing the tour leader to rearrange the buses so all the young people could ride together. I promptly announced this to my companions at breakfast, earning myself a reputation as someone who always knew what was going on.)

None of this cut any ice with the Chinese. Bus assignments were made in Shanghai and so they remained.

On any tour through China, it is CITS who decides where you will go and where you will stay. Our original itinerary had included Xi'an, a city famous for the lifesize terra cotta figures unearthed from emperors' tombs. A few weeks before departure, we were informed that the itinerary had been changed and that instead we would go to Qufu, the home of Confucius, and Mount Tai. The official line was that both these areas were only recently opened to tourists. That turned out not to be true. As far as we could determine, there's some political unrest in Xi'an, and that's probably why the government didn't want a bunch of journalists wandering around.

Despite the fact that China is an information-controlled society, with many limits on personal freedom, we had quite a bit of leeway. If we chose not to participate in a given activity, we were free to make other plans. If we needed a taxi to visit a different part of the city, a guide would arrange one for us, and if we wanted to wander around on our own, we could. My biggest regret about these spontaneous excursions was that I didn't speak the language; there are limits to pantomime.

One afternoon I decided to skip the factory tour in favor of getting a massage. The masseur in Chinese hotels is also the barber, so I went down to the basement to the barber shop.

"I want to get a massage," I told the young woman who greeted me.

She smiled and tried to lead me to one of the chairs in the room.

"No, I don't want my hair done," I said. "I want a massage up in my room." I pointed skyward.

This got us no place. She smiled and offered the chair. I smiled and pointed up. At last I took out my room key and waved it at her. That's when the barber appeared. He wrote my room number on a piece of paper and said something.

I stood there smiling. I'd probably be standing there



Early morning street scene in Shanghai

still if my companion hadn't said, "He wants to know what time you want the massage."

Oh. "Two o'clock," I said. I held up two fingers. The barber wrote it down, and we left.

"How did you know that?" I asked as we waited for the elevator.

"It was the next logical question," he said. Aha, logic. I was so unnerved by my inability to communicate that I had stopped thinking.

The massage turned out to be worth all the preliminary awkwardness. That barber had thumbs that could go through concrete, and if it had been possible, I'd have packed him into my suitcase and brought him home. I mean, we are talking serious pleasure here, goodbye aches and pains, hello joy and ease of movement.

Not all our independent ventures were so successful.

At one railway station, some of us wandered out of the "tourist waiting room" to see where Chinese passengers waited, got a glimpse of a far less commodious room and then were firmly hustled back to our own room by an official-looking person. One of the photographers had a minor fracas in the street one day that led to a police officer being called, but it ended amicably.

CITS chose a variety of hotels for us, and with one exception, I was pleased. In Nanjing we stayed in the country's newest hotel, the ultra-swanky Jinling. This hotel was fancier than my house; it had a revolving roof-

top bar as well as extension telephones in the bathrooms.

My own preference would have been for something less opulent; China from the 36th floor looks like Seattle or Vancouver or wherever. In Qufu we stayed in the guesthouse that had been built for the lineal descendants of Confucius. This place was more than a little quaint; the rooms were located on courtyards that led off each other in a bewildering pattern. My room had three beds in it; the fellow next door had a sitting room with five chairs, all uncomfortable. But there was heat and hot water, plenty of boiled water for tea, and a pair of thongs in the bedside cupboard. Here was a place where you felt you were in China, not Atlanta or San Francisco.

Only in Beijing did CITS really blow it. They assigned us to the year-old Hua Du Hotel. We took to calling it Hua Don't. Due to a clerical error, the group was short one room, and the inflexible bureaucracy took over. Although there were dozens of empty rooms in the place, it took more than half a day to straighten out. Tiles were loose in the showers, the carafes of hot water were rarely refilled, and the food was greasy and boring.

Maybe in a way it just as well, since for the 11 days preceding, we had eaten as if each meal would be our last. Five banquets were given for us, and every time we turned around someone was offering us something to eat.

Next week: Oh boy did we eat.

This piece  
of Chinese  
tourist money  
is worth  
a nickel



## Honoring a native daughter

Cynthia Gie-Klok Gouw, Miss Chinatown USA, was the guest of honor last weekend at the annual dinner of the Chinese Cultural Education Association. Gouw, a resident of El Cerrito, was honored by the City Council.



Times Journal photo  
by Debra Jensen

## El Cerrito refuses to okay children's 'bodyguard' bill

EL CERRITO — Doubtful about where money should be spent, the El Cerrito City Council last week refused to endorse a bill that would spend \$23 million to teach children how to ward off bullies and molesters.

Council member Jean Siri said she thought the money might be better spent on child protective services rather than in schools — a sentiment echoed by other councilmembers.

The bill, written by Assembly member Maxine Waters, would set up two centers to train teachers. Council members said the program called for one hour of mandatory instruction to be given the children during school

time. Council member Charles Lewis IV, who has worked in local schools teaching children about the justice system, pumped hard for the bill, saying that after one session a girl told him she had been raped.

Lewis said that through the Rape Crisis Center, the Richmond Unified School District was instructing local children how to deal with molesters.

No vote was taken, the council majority being clear in its opposition.

The El Cerrito Council was asked to endorse the bill by Berkeley Council member Barbara Ann Lashley.

## Students compete for bank's awards

Zone competitions of Bank of America's 1984 Achievement Awards will be held on March 29.

The panels will judge local high school winners on the basis of written compositions and a roundtable discussion by the students on subjects related to three study fields — applied and fine arts, liberal arts, and science and mathematics. In addition, each participant's scholastic records and extracurricular activities will be evaluated.

The judges will select three students from each zone to compete in the East Bay regional finals to be held May 3. Competitors include, in applied and fine arts: Elizabeth Rhodes of El Cerrito H.S.; in liberal arts: Amal Abdel El Cerrito H.S. and Cassis Henry of Albany H.S.; in science and mathematics: Hsian-Tsu Liao of Albany H.S. and Natasha Zaikin of El Cerrito H.S.

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# Books

## 'Downtown from Calistoga' is on the right track

By BEATRICE MOTAMEDI

Tonight's Amtrak train from Oakland will whisk you to Sacramento in just two hours, for a one-way price of \$11.50 and a reservation made a week in advance.

Fifty years ago, a 13-year-old Raymond Parsons made the same trip, by leaping onto the boxcar of a steam freight train called the Manifest, as it slowed to pass through the Albany lumberyards. After three hours of shivering on the cold, dark car, Parsons would glimpse the twinkling lights of Sacramento.

Then he and a friend would stumble from the train and find an all-night Chinese restaurant, where they ordered steaming bowls of pork noodle soup. Total cost for the trip: 15 cents for dinner, nothing for the long ride under the deep night sky.

The allure of old-time steam railroading is the subject of Parson's first self-published novel, "The Downtown from Calistoga." A fictional account of Parson's boyhood as a railroad enthusiast in Albany, the book describes the railroads that criss-crossed the East Bay until World War II, when the distinctive rumble and white smoke plumes of the steam engine gave way to the faster, more efficient diesel. Parson's first-person account and poem chronicle his affection for the gracious, simple joys of railroading.

Trains were an important part of growing up on Albany during the Great Depression years, Parsons explains.

"Albany was full of vacant houses...it was a wonderful place to play. There being no television, kids had to improvise." Parson's book also recalls his childhood exploits: "We were going to go tramping over Albany Hill of down the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks, or go looking for treasure in the Albany dumps."

Trains of his day had colorfully descriptive names, such as the Red Line that operated in Berkeley, named for its distinctively painted sides, and the Short Line, which ran from Oakland to San Francisco and Chico. There was the Coast Line, a beautiful journey from Los Angeles all the way to San Francisco, and the Overland Express—Parson's Saturday night special, for which he'd sneak out of the house while his parents slept.

His thin hands leafing through old pictures, Parsons tells more: about the nickname for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, or Espee, and the trains from Calistoga that curved through the Napa Valley to the East Bay and back again each day.

Passengers strolled through the dining room, sat on the top runway of the slow-moving cars — remembering to duck for tunnels — laughed and played cards in the boxcars as the trains headed for Washington, Nevada, Chicago. Hoboes hitchhiking rides on the trains were friendly. It was a time when trains provided the nation's cheapest, easiest form of transit.

"That was really the time of the great hobo movement in America," Parsons says, recalling the Depression years. "A train would go by with maybe a hundred hoboes on it."

Albany was known as a good place to hop a freight because trains often slowed as they reached the steep grade of the Albany tracks. And hobo camps were set up at the end of Buchanan Street toward Point

Fleming, "a favorite spot, because there was a stand of eucalyptus," Parsons explains. Hoboes included "people who were out of work...the hoboes would go up to Washington and pick apples and go down south and pick something else...Some of these people got to like this life and camping and the freedom of it."

"There's something about steam engines that's romantic," Parsons says. "You hear the effort expended by a steam engine, the heat of the firebox...and the whistle...it was very sad, very beautiful."

Parsons says that American trains are so much slower and less pleasant than their European counterparts that Americans naturally prefer to take planes or buses — thus missing the most important part of train riding — getting to know the scenery.

"Airplanes are a poor man's way to travel, a drudgery. If one likes to travel, you see everything and travel is really an experience" on a train, says Parsons.

"A train will usually cut across — right through nature — in a thin path. Then there's the pleasure of getting up for a stroll" to the dining car or conductor's cab. "People who travel on a plane don't know what they're missing."

Parsons, who has lived in the Philippines, Australia and Italy, where he worked for Radio Free Europe for 12 years, knows what he's talking about when he contemplates modes of travel. For Parsons, trains in the U.S. and abroad represent a way of life as well as a way to get someplace.

"There's no comparison between the train here and the trains in Europe — all the trains in Italy are infinitely faster than they are here," Parsons says. Convenience is also a factor in European train travel. "Here in America, profit is such a motive that the train is taken off if it doesn't make money," Parsons notes, recalling the near-dozen trains that used to provide easy transit across the Bay Bridge.

Train travel "used to be wonderful" but "without Amtrak, it would be even worse." Still, Parsons remembers a time when every child's dream was to ride the noisy black coal-breaters with the ponderous, grating axles.

"You must remember that people in general loved trains then. It was so important to the life of the country. You'd ask kids what they wanted to be and they'd say, engineers. They'd stand by the side of the tracks and wave to the engineers."

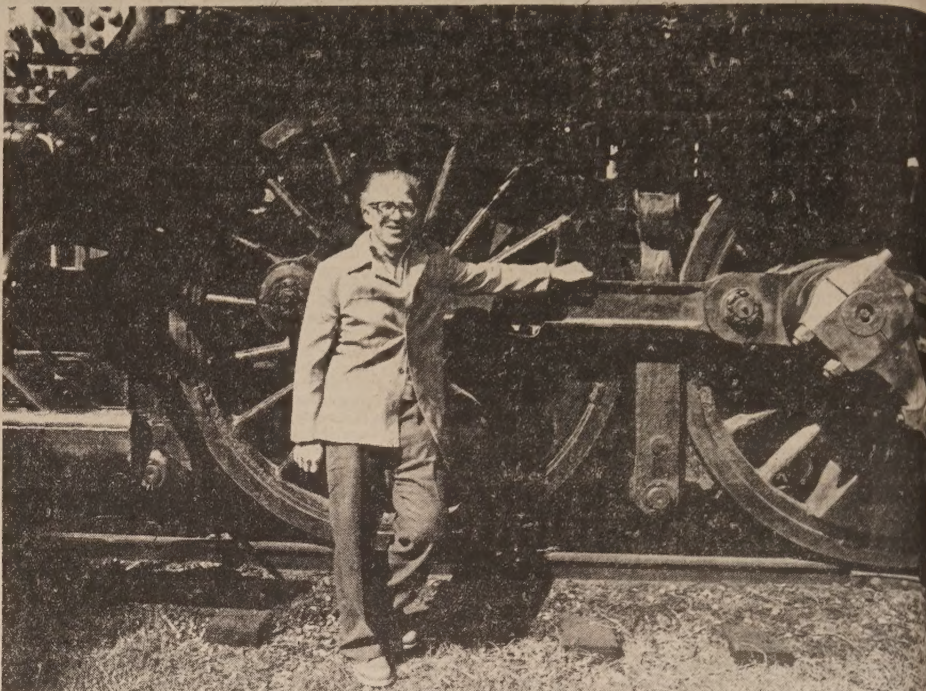
Although BART trains now glide over the tracks of the Southern Pacific's old Overland Express, Parson's journey through the railroading past is just beginning. He plans to write another book about lumbering in eastern California, and a book about a train in Paris where he met a beautiful and mysterious woman.

"I will be able to drag in a lot of things about European life then," he says, with a chuckle.

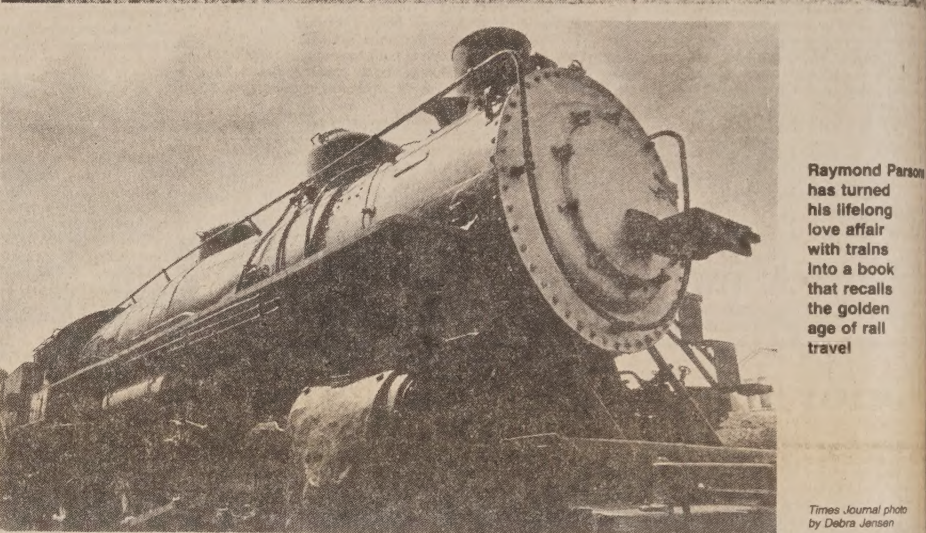
Parson's memory of his first ride on a steam freight train is as sharp and clear as his latest ride on BART.

"I was about 12 when my father took me down to West Oakland. I remember (pulling) out of the yard, and the sight of Berkeley, Oakland and Albany."

"I loved it and it was very beautiful...big-time railroading without having to go very far. And my mother would never be the wiser."



Raymond Parsons has turned his lifelong love affair with trains into a book that recalls the golden age of rail travel



Times Journal photo by Debra Jensen

### PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE A-144619  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
T.S. No. 1239

On Thursday, April 4, 1984 at 11:00 A.M. of said day at the main entrance to the "12th and Oak Street Building", located at 125 12th Street, in the City of Oakland, in the County of Alameda, State of California, Richard Goodman, dba Sunrise Mortgage Co. as duly appointed trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the City of Albany, County of Alameda, State of California and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 47 and 48, Block 10, Map No. 4 Regent's Park filed August 27, 1906, Map Book 21, Page 51, Alameda County records.

Commonly known as: 1201 Dartmouth Avenue Albany, CA

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale conferred in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Louis L. George as trustees, dated June 29, 1983 and recorded July 6, 1983 as Document No. 83-118076 in the office of the Alameda County Recorder.

At the time of the initial publica-

### Church has big sale to aid refugee family

KENSINGTON — A parking lot bazaar and garage sale will be held on Saturday, March 31 at the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Items for sale will include plants, furniture, books, kitchen items, a typewriter, small appliances, toys and children's clothing.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Ricardo Calderon family fund. The Calderons are Salvadoran refugees who are being partly sponsored by the church.

Those who may wish to donate items to the sale may call 237-3016 for information on where and when to deliver it. Pick-ups will be available for large items or those who can't get out.

In case of rain, the sale will be held indoors. Doughnuts and coffee will be available for early arrivals but sales will not begin until 10 a.m.

The church is at 1 Lawson Rd.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

tion of this notice the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses, and advances is \$42,352.28.

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED JUNE 29, 1983. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

Dated: March 1, 1984  
Richard Goodman, dba Sunrise Mortgage Company as Trustee  
By: CALIFORNIA TRUST DEEDS, INC.  
125 12th Street, Suite 111  
Oakland, CA 94607  
(415) 444-2662  
as agent for said trustee  
(s) her: Leibowitz  
Vice-president  
A-13090-March 14, 21, 28, 1984

### Swedish fair slated

ALBANY — The second annual Scandinavian spring festival will be April 7, at the Albany Temple, 533 San Pablo.

Swedish culture will be highlighted with crafts, gift items, genealogy assistance, and food. Lunch and dinner will be served, including coffee and ope faced sandwiches.

Doors open at 10 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. This event is sponsored by Golden Gate District No. 12 of the Vasa Order of America.

For more information call 527-3134, evenings and weekends.

### Church, CIL join to make camp assessable

KENSINGTON — A church project that grew out of one family's contact with people with disabilities mushroomed into a parish service.

The idea for the Arlington Community Church project came from the Welden family, parishioners and volunteer at the Center for Independent Living (CIL).

Recently, while visiting their church's vacation camp near Cazadero, the Weldens — David, B.J. and son — realized that people with disabilities would also be at the camp.

They went to see Al Miner, a fellow parishioner some time ago had made available to the church an old redwood property along Austin Creek as well as a wooden lodge structure. Miner liked the idea of opening camp to CIL and brought CIL Director Michael W. and some friends to the camp.

Miner and Winter checked the lodge building found that it could be accessible by enlarging the porch wheelchair turn-around space, putting up a couple ramps and widening the doors of the bathroom.

After the visit, B.J. Welden took the matter of backing to the board of missions and social concern, which agreed to be the official sponsor of the project.

Winter was invited to address an after-service gathering. Two fund-raisers were decided on to fund the construction work required for the modifications. It will be a joint church-CIL raffle, to be part of the regular annual church auction. To be raffled is Miner's hand-carved Victorian doll house with all the trimmings.

Church members hope to raise sufficient funds to make their Cazadero camp accessible by summer.

### Get on those dancin' shoes

EL CERRITO — The next Saturday night dance at the El Cerrito Community Center will be held April 7, featuring Jimmy Diamond and his five-piece band.

Belinda Rickles and her associate Phil Berman will start the lesson portion of the evening with the mambo and the two-step,

danced to slow music. The beginning lesson is at 8 p.m., with advanced lessons at 8:30 p.m.

Dancing with the band begins at 9 p.m. There is limited no-host bar free parking. Tickets in advance are \$5, until the day, April 5, then \$8.

For further information call 525-6748.

### From "Downtown to Calistoga"

The Southern Pacific mainline from Oakland to Sacramento was all speed and smoke and wind. A flashing of myriad lights and the rustle of switch-points. It was a long screaming engine whistle and the steady chatter of wheels. The mile-long blur of Emeryville's open-walled mills and foundries, with their jagged leaping flames, their billowing clouds of sulphur dust, and darting white-hot metal tongues...

And only a few hundred yards to go, swiftly diminishing, vanishing ones, to that mile-square town of towns...known as Albany.

With our engine already beginning to whistle for the narrow dirt road that was Buchanan Street — two long, a short, and a long... For the great looming dimness that was Albany Hill. The creek where the Indians had lived. The eucalyptus copse. The hobo jungle. The unspoiled

coastline in miniature with these two twin sisters, twin jewels, Points Fleming and Isabel. The shimmering inlet. The midget coves, headlands, cliffs, and flotsam-littered beaches. All these places so different from the top of a freight train. So eerie and undreamed-of.

### Easter egg hunt planned

EL CERRITO — The city's recreation division has planned an Easter egg hunt for children in grades 1-6 on Saturday, April 21 at 11 a.m.

The hunt will be at Cerrito Vista Park, 7300

Moeser Lane, with the Easter Bunny in his hutch (the Cerrito Vista Park Clubhouse) from 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Following the hunt there will be parachute games and relay races conducted by recreation leaders. There will also be a special hunt for the parents.

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# Going once, going twice: city auction nets \$900

By JIM GRODNIK

ALBANY — Ting Tong was driving along Marin Avenue minding his own business Saturday, when he saw a crowd of people gathered at the north end of the Albany police station.

They weren't storming the Bastille, they were bidding at the Albany police auction. A few moments later, so was Tong, and now his two children have bicycles.

Under the rapid fire auctioneering of Officer Larry Murdo, some 50 bargain hunters showed up to bid on bicycles, bowling balls, bolt cutters, umbrellas, auto stereos, hubcaps and a stack of Chinese Bibles.

Two hours later, about the time Murdo's voice was beginning to get scratchy, the cupboard was bare; the as-

sortment of unclaimed merchandise recovered by the Albany Police Department in the last several months had been converted into \$900 for city's general fund.

Tong, 37, a Kensington contractor, made the high bid of the day — \$70 for an aluminum frame child's bike. He also picked up a Schwinn 10-speed for another \$30.

The \$70 bike was for his 9-year-old. "I had one like that stolen in Golden Gate Park. I paid around \$400 for it," he said.

After some spirited, dollar-by-dollar bidding, John Ketola, 39, who lives on Evelyn Avenue in Albany, wound up with a three-piece pool-cue and a cassette recorder, all for \$24.

It was the cue that Ketola, a chef in the merchant marines, had his eye on. Nestled in red velvet in its own carrying case and with an extra, screw-on tip, it glowed with the promise of disappearing eight balls. "I figure it's worth \$100," Ketola said.

He's not worried about scaring away potential victims with the fancy equipment. "After the bet is made, then I'll put it together," he said.

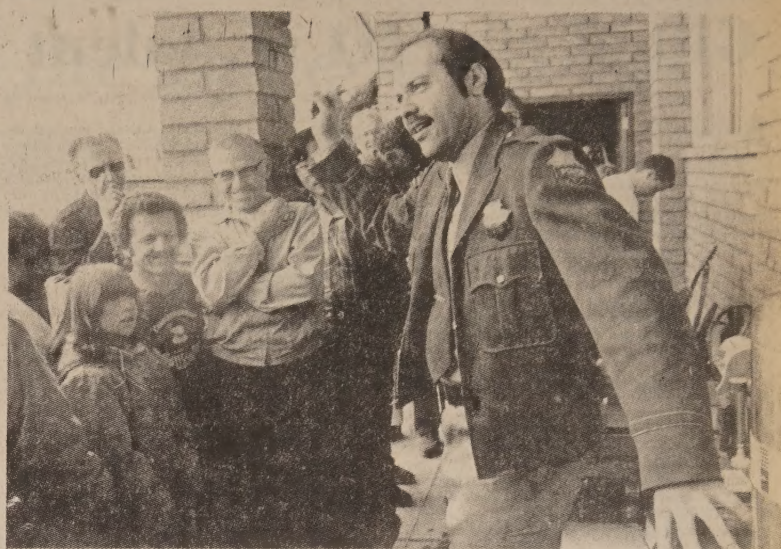
Murdo, stopping occasionally to sip water from a dixie cup propped in front of him by a thoughtful bidder, kept up a staccato patter for two hours.

"They were a good crowd of people, definitely in the spirit," he said later. "It's almost like a party."

Ernest Hollin of El Cerrito bought a \$30 bike for his six-year-old son Ernest Jr., and a few minutes later he spotted one he liked better so he bought that too — for \$20. Young Hollins grinned as he wheeled the bike around the parking lot.

"I'll give the extra one to my nephew," said the father.

From 6 to 69, there was something from everyone. At last year's auction, Albany's John Noe, 69, bought a bike that he rides regularly. This year he bought a dilapidated companion to use for parts. "You can't go wrong at these prices," he said.



—Times Journal photos by Debra Jensen

Officer Larry Murdo conducting the auction

## PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE 1-144626  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
UNDER DEED OF TRUST  
TF No. 66176 AC  
Loan No. 375706

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 1, 1979. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that SERRANO RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, a California Corporation, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by DONALD R. DAVIS, AN UNMARRIED MAN AND SUZANNE ARMSTRONG, A SINGLE WOMAN and recorded FEBRUARY 16, 1979 as Instrument No. 79-030661 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded NOVEMBER 10, 1983 as instrument No. 83-215370 of said Official Records, will sell on APRIL 4, 1984 at 1:00 P.M. ON THE STEPS OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1225 FALLON ST., OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title, and interest, conveyed to and now held in under said deed in the property situated in said County and State and described as follows:

**PARCEL ONE:**  
A portion of Lot 14, in Block 24, as said Lot and Block are shown on the Map of the McGee Tract, a portion of Plot 27 of Kellersberger's Survey, etc., filed May 27, 1886, in Book 6 of Maps, Page 34, in the Office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, described as follows:  
Beginning at a point on the Eastern line of McKinley, formerly Mary Street, distant thereon Northerly 99.4 feet from the intersection thereof with the Northern line of Dwight Way, as said Street and Way are shown on the Map herein; running thence Northerly along said line of McKinley Street, 35.4 feet to the northern boundary line of Lot 14 in Block 24, as shown on the map hereinafter referred to; thence Easterly parallel with said line of Dwight Way 52 feet; thence Southerly parallel with said line of McKinley Street 35.4 feet; thence Westerly parallel with said line of Dwight Way 52 feet to the point of beginning.

**PARCEL TWO:**  
A portion of Lot 14 in Block 24, as said Lot and Block are shown on the Map of the McGee Tract, a portion of Plot 27 of Kellersberger's Survey, etc., filed May 27, 1886, in Book 6 of Maps, Page 34, in the Office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Eastern line of McKinley, formerly Mary Street, distant thereon Northerly 64 feet from the intersection thereof with the Northern line of Dwight Way, as said Street and Way are shown on the Map herein; running thence Northerly along said line of McKinley Street, 35.4 feet; thence Easterly parallel with said line of Dwight Way 52 feet; thence Southerly parallel with said line of McKinley Street, 35.4 feet; thence Westerly parallel with said line of Dwight Way 52 feet to the point of beginning.

Property address is purportedly 1695 Ward Street, Berkeley, California 94703.

The undersigned hereby disclaims all liability for any incorrectness in said street address or other common designation.

Said sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the principal balance of the Note or other obligation secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest and other sums as provided therein; plus advances, if any, under the terms thereof and interest on such advances, and plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of said obligation, including reasonable estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee, as the time of initial publication of this Notice, is \$6,782.93.

Dated: February 27, 1984  
LOS ANGELES TITLE AND TRUST DEED COMPANY, as Trustee,  
By: DEL MAR MANAGEMENT CORP.,  
as Agent,  
By: DON BOYNTON,  
Manager  
1650 E. Fourth Street, Suite 201  
Santa Ana, CA 92701  
Telephone: (714) 547-4900  
No. T 31074  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

principal of the note secured by said deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note.  
Dated: February 21, 1984  
SERRANO RECONVEYANCE COMPANY  
3731 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90010  
(213) 385-3321  
as such Trustee  
By: /s/ ROD HILL  
Vice President  
A-298-March 14, 21, 28, 1984

LEGAL NOTICE A-144618  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED MARCH 26, 1982. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, April 3, 1984, at 12:30 o'clock p.m. of said day, on the steps of the Fallon Courthouse, to the county courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, California, DEL MAR MANAGEMENT CORP., Agent for Los Angeles Title and Trust Deed Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust executed by CORINE G. DEMON, SURVIVING JOINT TENANTS, recorded April 23, 1982, in the office of the County Recorder of said County, as Recorder's instrument No. 82-058113, by reason of a breach or default in payment or performance of the obligations secured thereby, including that breach or default, Notice of which was recorded November 15, 1983, as Recorder's instrument No. 83-215370, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, lawful money of the United States, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a state or federal credit union, or a state or federal savings and loan association domiciled in this state, all payable at the time of sale, all right, title and interest held by it, as Trustee, in that real property situated in said County and State, described as follows:

Portion of Lot 6 in Block 2, as said lot and block are shown on the Map of "State University Homestead Association No. 3", filed February 22, 1872, in Book 2 of Maps, page 44, in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Northern line of Ward, formerly Butterworth Street, distant thereon Westerly 40 feet from the McGee Avenue, formerly Dwinelle Street, as said streets are shown on said map; running thence Westerly along said line of Ward Street 40 feet; thence Northerly parallel with said line of McGee Avenue 85 feet; thence Easterly parallel with said line of Ward Street 40 feet; thence Southerly parallel with said line of McGee Avenue 85 feet to the point of beginning.

The street address or other common designation of the real property hereinabove described is purported to be:

1695 Ward Street

Berkeley, California 94703

The undersigned hereby disclaims all liability for any incorrectness in said street address or other common designation.

Said sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the principal balance of the Note or other obligation secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest and other sums as provided therein; plus advances, if any, under the terms thereof and interest on such advances, and plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of said obligation, including reasonable estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee, as the time of initial publication of this Notice, is \$6,782.93.

Dated: February 27, 1984  
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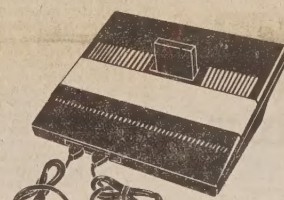
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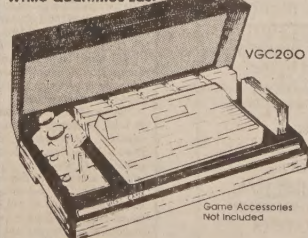


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# Schools

## Gifted rift: IQ vs. talent

By BARBARA ERICKSON

A plan to bring talented students into the Richmond Unified gifted program has drawn fire from the parents of top academic pupils, who say the proposal is unworkable and would threaten the district's pull-out "seminars" at 11 schools.

During a recent board presentation, members of the gifted program's District Advisory Committee consistently attacked the administration plan, which could serve up to 642 students talented in art, drama, music or dance next year.

School officials have been looking at ways to expand the gifted program from students with high IQs to include pupils with abilities in the arts. State law now allows districts to fund classes for students who are gifted in the academics and the arts under the Gifted and Talented Education program.

Richmond Unified has three current programs for the academically gifted — the pull-out "seminars" in 11 elementary schools; magnet programs with full time classes of gifted students at Nystrom, Collins and Wilson; and individualized classroom instruction at schools lacking one of the other programs.

The district receives about \$24 for each identified gifted student, down from a high of more than \$100 in the early 1970s. Students are certified gifted after passing IQ tests, or, in the case of talented pupils, after a committee review.

Administrators asked the board to approve a school-within-a-school program for the talented at three elementary sites — Peres, Del Mar and Collins.

Students with "extraordinary" ability in the arts would be grouped in separate classes and offered pull-out instruction in their specialized areas. The program would serve about 118 students in grades four through six.

At the secondary level, three junior highs would be paired with three senior highs designated as visual and performing arts centers — Helms with Richmond High, Pinole Junior with Pinole Valley High, and Portola with El Cerrito.

The secondary program would serve about 524 students, and the additional students at all grade levels would mean that district funding would be spread thin, reducing the per pupil allotment from \$24 to \$18.

## Scholarship concert features local violinist

The Young People's Symphony Orchestra's annual scholarship concert will be held Friday, March 30 at 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, Dana and Channing Way.

Violinist Natasha Zalkin of Kensington will be a featured soloist with Eric Hansen conducting.

Concert repertoire includes Vivaldi's "Concerto for Four Violins in B Minor," Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" and Widor's "Choral and Variations for Harp and Orchestra."

Tickets are \$3 general, \$1 student/senior citizen, and are available at the door. For information, call 526-3890.

The cost of the program would be \$11,556, according to administrators.

Staff members also presented two other proposals for the talented — after-school clusters and a mentor plan.

Under the cluster plan, students would come after school to study art at Collins, music at Del Mar and dance and drama at Peres. With four classes of 25 each, the program would reach 100 elementary students and cost about \$5,600.

Talented secondary students would be assigned to directed study and independent study programs.

The mentor plan would apply only to junior and senior high pupils. It would serve 35 students with the help of adult volunteers, and the sole cost would be in coordinating the program from the gifted office.

Pat Rupley, head of secondary education, said that "the staff feels it would not be proper not to extend (the gifted program) to the visual and performing arts, but it should not diminish the other programs."

To help pay for the additional cost, she said, an elementary principal could take on the job of consultant, now a fulltime position. The principal would spend 40 percent of the job on the gifted program and 60 percent at the school.

Administrators also suggested trimming a high school counselor for the gifted position from the budget and contracting out for a psychologist to test prospective gifted students instead of paying a staff psychologist.

The savings from personnel cuts would allow the schools to buy more books and supplies for the expanded program.

But parents of gifted students objected to nearly all of the administration's suggestions. They said they had not been told in advance of the plan to cut the consultant and counselor, and they said teachers could not deal with four talent areas in one class.

Kathy Rasmussen, DAC chairperson, said the district should not identify talented students before the sixth grade. Those students could then move into the secondary programs for the arts, she said.

Retha Wellons, a Kensington parent, called the plan "risky" and said it should be no more than a pilot program next year.

Others praised the seminar program and asked the board to insure its survival, and parent Austin Frank said the district should not take on too much.

"We should be continuing to look at what we've got in place," Frank said, "and try to do that better."

Their opposition drew a heated response from board member Katherine Lord, who said the group showed "a lot of hostility against the talented child" and a "subtle kind of exclusion."

Board member George Cantu also criticized the attitude of the parents. "There are many talented kids in the district whose needs are going sorely unmet," he said.

Eddis Harrison said the district would be better off training teachers to deal with gifted students in every class, and Frank Calton asked the DAC to come back with its own recommendation for next year's gifted program.

Board president Don Lau set April 11 for the next discussion on the expanded program. The panel will have to vote by the end of that month if the program is to go into effect next fall.

## A Belgian exchange student finds honor in her new home



Exchange student Genevieve Planchard (c.) enjoys a snack with her host mother Joanne Zoldos and host sister Angela

By ANDI STEIN

When Genevieve Planchard came to the United States from Belgium as an American Field Service exchange student last summer, she wasn't quite sure what to expect. What she never expected was to win an award for being one of two outstanding AFS students in the state of California.

Planchard, who presently attends El Cerrito High School, received a letter in February telling her she had been named the recipient of the Barbara R. Shurtleff Endowment.

This award is given to two AFS students in California every year by Lawrence Shurtleff of Walnut Creek, who established the fund in memory of his wife. The award is based on recommendations from the students' teachers and from AFS officers in New York.

Shurtleff donates an unspecified amount of money to AFS in the names of the two students selected. This is the first year a Bay Area student has been chosen for the award.

Planchard, 18, speaks French and English, and had

previously visited Germany and England. She said that had always been curious about the United States, but just she arrived at the San Francisco Airport to meet her host family, "Mom" Joanne Zoldos and sisters Angela, 17, and Katrina, 14.

"This was the first time I'd gone away for such a long time," she said, recalling her anxiety at the time, "but I imagine the pressure. On one hand you're so excited to meet these people with whom you're going to live and on the other you're a little bit afraid."

At home in Belgium, her senior class was composed of 70 students; in El Cerrito there are 300. She is one of the extracurricular activities the school offers.

"There's so much entertainment — clubs, sports, drama — it's very different from Belgium. In schools are strictly academic."

Here she has two younger sisters, while back in Belgium she has three older brothers. Planchard's father is a governor of the province of Luxembourg, and she and her family live in a very large mansion in the town of Aachen.

For recreation, she enjoys playing tennis, skiing, practicing the piano. She had also worked part-time as a handicapped children. This fall she was a member of Gauchos' tennis team. She still skis occasionally, and now the treasurer of the schools AFS chapter. Recently she began working part-time as an aide in a day care center in El Cerrito.

"You have everything right in California," she noted especially the scenery, the weather and the variety of foods. Sometimes, she admitted, she misses some of Belgium's specialties, such as Belgian french fries and chocolates.

At the end of the school year, Planchard will return to Belgium after a short bus trip sponsored by AFS. Currently, there are 35 AFS exchange students in the Area, according to Peggy Wall, president of the El Cerrito Adult AFS Chapter. These students get together a time to time at parties and other events.

Planchard will be entertained by donor Shurtleff's home, along with the other recipient of the award. She also receives recognition for her honor at the awards ceremony in the spring.

According to Wall said, Planchard was the choice for the award because, "She meets people and her manners are impeccable. I think these are the things that impressed the committee people."

### PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE 1-122525  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
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T.S. No. 50335-1-82

EVERGREEN SERVICE CORPORATION, as duly appointed Trustee under the following described deed of trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property hereinafter described:

TRUSTOR: EDWARD J. LEVITCH, an unmarried man, BENEFICIARY: TWIN PINES FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, Incorporated.

Recorded February 4, 1981, as instrument No. 81-018005, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, said deed of trust describes the following property:

Lot 14 and the eastern 12 1/2 feet of Lot 15 of the Snyder Tract, filed August 11, 1903, Map Book 19, page 38, Alameda County Records.

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED JANUARY 20, 1981, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

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The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust, by reason of a breach or default in the obligations secured thereby, heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written notice of breach and of election to cause the undersigned to sell said property to satisfy said obligations, and thereafter the undersigned caused said notice of breach and of election to be Recorded August 13, 1982, as instrument No. 82-122810, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County.

Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest as in said note provided, advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust.

Said sale will be held on TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1984, at 11:00 a.m., on the steps to the County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, California.

NOTICE: AT THE TIME OF SALE BIDS MAY BE MADE IN CASH AND/OR THE CASHIERS OR CERTIFIED CHECKS SPECIFIED IN CIVIL CODE SECTION 2924h.

At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described deed of trust and estimated costs, expenses, and advances is \$99,982.79.

The total indebtedness being an estimate on which the opening bid is computed may be obtained by

### PUBLIC NOTICE

calling (415) 945-6418 the day before the sale.

Date: March 2, 1984  
EVERGREEN SERVICE CORPORATION, as duly appointed Trustee under the following described deed of trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH AND/OR THE CASHIERS OR CERTIFIED CHECKS SPECIFIED IN CIVIL CODE SECTION 2924h (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property hereinafter described:

TRUSTOR: WAYNE E. GREENE, BENEFICIARY: TWIN PINES FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, Incorporated.

Recorded September 13, 1979 as instrument No. 79-182721, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County; said deed of trust describes the following property:

LOT 12, "MAP OF THE HAWLEY TRACT," FILED JUNE 8, 1891 IN BOOK 12 OF MAPS, PAGE 5, ALAMEDA COUNTY RECORDS.

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED September 6, 1979, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

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## Features

## For this local master, the game is trumps

By JIM GRODNIK

KENSINGTON — Mike Lawrence literally exploded from an introverted college freshman into one of the world's premier bridge players.

As a UC-Berkeley freshman in 1957, a homemade chemistry experiment blew up, damaging his hands and eyes. A counselor advised Lawrence to wait until after session before attempting to take his finals.

With time on his injured hands, Lawrence wandered the Bear's Lair card room in the Student Union and got an involvement with bridge that has culminated in winning two world championships and writing a dozen books on the game.

Engrossed in the game, he attended class almost as an absentminded student, and eventually dropped out of school. "I was in bridge for the next three-and-a-half years," he said.

Now Lawrence plays professionally (an economic necessity which he hates), plays in tournaments, writes books about what he once would have thought impossible — being in front of groups of people.

There was a time when he was unbearably shy. Even before Lawrence took up bridge, his father's incessant criticism had worn away his confidence.

When Lawrence phoned home with news that he'd won his first master point, the father was even unhappier. He wanted his son to pursue a more traditional occupation.

Before discovering bridge Lawrence had no friends. "I was a complete recluse, I couldn't express myself, he said.

That began to change when his reputation grew and he was summoned by Texan Ira Corn to become a member of the now legendary Dallas Aces team. Lawrence went on to win two world championships on the team.

Since then, he's won several national titles, including prestigious Vanderbilt tournament, which he's won twice.

His most recent win, and his first pairs championship



Bridge player and author Mike Lawrence

(teams in bridge consist of four players) was March 12 in San Antonio, Texas, when he teamed with Peter Weischel of Florida, to win the Men's Pair National Championship.

Lawrence, 43, has obtained a status in the bridge world that is equivalent to that of Johnny Miller or Tom Watson in golf, but his yearly bridge earnings (\$20,000 to \$25,000) are the same as those of a union grocery clerk. There are no endorsements, no travel expenses and no prize money.

The money comes from teaching, playing professionally and from royalties on the sale of his books, most of which deal with bridge strategy. He's also written a book on bridge humor, and one on backgammon, the best seller of the lot.

Lawrence parts company with his contemporaries in his dislike of playing professionally. Many experts follow the bridge circuit, renting themselves out for \$300 to \$400 a session to less skillful players who are out to buy victory. Lawrence hires out, but only after playing for nothing with a partner of his choice in the championship competition.

His desire to stay home rather than follow the action has made him "a little bit of a black sheep in the bridge world."

"No book has ever insulted me by playing the wrong card," he said. It's being saddled with inferior partners that bothers Lawrence about play for pay. He hates playing to lose.

Bridge, he said, is intensely competitive. "You don't just want to kill your opponent, you want to stomp him after he's dead."

That spills over in his personal life. Lawrence said bridge is such an emotional game that he rarely plays as a partner with his roommate, Sharon Soules, a top-level woman player. There's just too big a strain when somebody makes a mistake.

Bridge players are known to be fanatical in their love of the game. With a little prodding, dedicated players can recall in detail hands they played decades ago. What's the attraction?

William Nutting, of Kensington, a life master, and a bridge buddy of Lawrence's at UC Berkeley, put it this way, "It's midway between poker and chess. A balance of technical skill and working to deceive an opponent."

"Another fascination is you can see the results of your decisions almost immediately. You don't have to wait to see if you're right."

In his spare time, Lawrence makes stained-glass lamps, collects comic books, plays racquetball and paints. He no longer has any interest in chemistry.

## School district sets kindergarten signups

ALBANY — The Albany Unified School District will register children for admission to kindergarten for the fall of 1984 on Tuesday, May 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Children may be registered at Vista, Cornell or Marin schools.

University Village children are to be registered at the Albany Children's Center. The Children's Center will be open until 5:30 p.m.

Parents must bring the child's birth certificate or other proof of birth and be prepared to fill out health forms concerning vaccinations, immunizations, and childhood diseases. Verification of the dates of immunizations for polio, measles (rubeola), D.P.T., mumps and rubella (German measles) for each kindergarten child is required.

No child can unconditionally enter kindergarten next fall without immunizations. School nurses will be present to assist parents and to check medical information.

Children are eligible for public school kindergarten if they will be five years of age on or before Dec. 2, 1984. The district cannot accept registration for children who are younger, if the child has preschool experience.

An accurate spring registration is important to the school district for planning next year's kindergarten classes. If registration on May 8 is not possible, please register your child during school hours at any elementary school as soon as possible after that date.

Beginning April 16, parents residing outside of Albany must register children new to the district at the District Office. Out-of-district students will be placed on a first-come, first-served basis as classroom space is available.

## Band standouts



—Photo by James Pease

El Cerrito High School students were part of the 1984 California All-State Honor Bands at the Santa Cruz convention of the California Band Directors Association. More than 600 students from 250 high schools auditioned, and 270 were selected. The students are, from left, Theo Tanabe, Ken Adachi, Jeff Adachi and Sue White.

## Note of thanks

## Baseball supporters

Letters to the editor are usually in response to controversial issues, matters of public outrage or political in nature. I'm writing to express thanks and gratitude to a group in our community.

El Cerrito Youth Baseball is a non-profit organization that provides an opportunity for 400-500 young people to participate in organized sports in the spring of each year. Support comes from registration fees, fund raising, donations and sponsorships from local businesses.

In the past 4 months, 28 individual companies have

pledged sponsorship to "Their Team." Some contribute for the advertising advantage, some for the charitable donation on their taxes, some for the good feeling they get from getting involved but, all contributed their support for the betterment of our youth. Sponsor fees help defray the costs of uniforms, equipment, field rental, etc. Without sponsor fees, E.C.Y.B. would be hard pressed to support itself. In addition to their monetary donation, this year's sponsors have expressed an interest in watching "their team" play.

I hope that our organization will be a source of pride to the community and to our special group of business people.

Pat Flier, Sponsor Chairman  
El Cerrito Youth Baseball

## E.C. Chamber picks new committee chiefs

EL CERRITO — President Sil Addiego has announced the new El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce committee leaders for 1984.

Heading the merchant's committee is Ed Canepa; legislative committee, Marvin Collins; special events committee, Liz Barajas; membership committee, Vic Paulini; and development committee, Fran Tegg.

Program chairman is Harry Kiefer, first vice-president.

Committees carry out the chamber's programs. They make recommendations to the board of directors. Members are invited to join any committee.

New Chamber members are the El Cerrito Glass Company, 11808 San Pablo Ave. and Hibernia Sales & Leasing, 5818 Cutting Blvd.

## Study class, retreat set by Unitarians

KENSINGTON — On Thursday, April 5, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. and for the following 10 weeks, a series entitled "Building Your Own Theology," will be presented by the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley.

This class will be led by John Tucker, Jacqueline Collins and Lynn Smith. Registration fee is \$6.50 and covers the study guide and handouts. Class is limited to 12 participants.

The weekend of April 13-15 will be a three-day retreat at the church led by Dr. Dody Donnelly. Participants may bring sleeping bags and spend the nights at the church. Some half price scholarships are available.

To register, or make a request, please write to The First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington, 94707.



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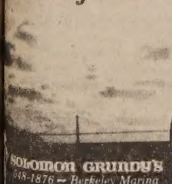
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# Getting down to business

## Close your eyes and it's Greece

Todd Armstrong (r.), second vice-president of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, enjoys lunch at the Mediterranean Gardens, 809 San Pablo Ave. Youseff and Nasig Souki, brothers and partners, serve a variety of appetizers such as jommos bithine, baba ganouje, tabbouleh, talafel, grape leaves, labneh and mezza, as well as meat grilled over mesquite charcoal.



Photo by Luoma Photography



**A SWEET TREAT** — Fran Tegg (l.), vice president of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, and Smith, the city's community development director, sample the wares from El Cerrito's new take-out restaurant, Souper Yogurt, 10969 San Pablo Ave. Owners Julie and Gene Abuan await the results of the sampling.

## Register for camp featuring music, art

Camps, Inc., a non-profit organization, will sponsor the Cazadero Music and Arts Camp for beginners to experienced.

Young adult camp for ages 14-18 is held from June 26-July 7. Youth Camp I, for ages 11-13, runs from July 10-July 21.

Family Camp for all ages is from August 4-August 11. Youth Camp II for ages 8-13 is in session from August 14-August 25.

For information, call 549-2396 or write to Camps Inc., 1744 University Ave., Room 208, Berkeley, Ca. 94703.

## New owner for bookstore

Castalia Book Store at 1554 Solano Ave. has been acquired by Lamour-Alma Enterprises, Inc., a holding and management company with origins in Great Britain.

Maureen Fletcher, member of the board of directors of Lamour-Alma, will assume office of president/proprietor of Castalia and work in the store.



**A FOLKSY BUSINESS** — The Chamber of Commerce President Bob P. assists Helen S. and Helen D. owners of Helen's Designs, 1021 Pablo Ave., with membership. Their shop sells antique, folk and dancing clothes for men and women. They offer western wear accessories and shoes.

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State Controller Kenneth Cory announced the distribution of \$6,836,675 to counties and cities as the February apportionment of cigarette tax.

El Cerrito received \$9,323, Albany got \$3,474. Contra Costa County received \$28,000, and Alameda County got \$31,625. Rye 58 counties' share was \$1,245,238 and the cities' share totaled \$5,591,437.

This distribution represents 30 percent of the revenue deposited in the Cigarette Tax Fund during the month of January, 1984, less the State's administrative costs of \$42,075.

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Times Journal, 1247 Solano Ave. Albany 94706.

## Neighbors

By CLARA RAE GENSER

Walking in someone else's shoes can be a very difficult trick — particularly if that someone else was extremely successful in what she undertook. This is what Judith Sagie, an El Cerrito resident, discovered.

Judith chaired the recent Temple Beth Hillel Purim Carnival and Bazaar. For the past few years the event has been primarily a carnival for children. But previous to that it was a great community-wide event of fun, games, prizes, food and more food, and was anticipated and enjoyed widely and hugely. All this was under the careful guidance of then chairperson Mildred Mizrahi.

Michelle Waxman was in charge of the boutique; Anne Herrod, the silent auction; Fern Rubinstein, the candy and bake shop; Sally and Jeff Gordon, Irene Morgan and Sandy Kalbfeld, the very important kitchen committee, and Sanford Wichner, Al Kipnis and Josh Genser designed and built the booths.

Do office parties really have to be held during the holidays? Dr. Edward E. Collins didn't think so, and so the Richmond dentist and his wife, Theo, who live in Kensington, recently took his staff and their partners out "on the town" for an office party.

The evening began with dinner at Mama's Restaurant in the Gramercy Towers in San Francisco, after which they all trooped to the 1177 Club (in the same building) to enjoy "Lyrics by Mercer," a joyous review of Johnny Mercer songs.

The large party included Anne and Frank George and Georgia Shumann, Dr. Michael and Todorovic, John Todorovic, Margery Cook, Wagner, Lola and Paul Gustafson, June Wagner and Jackie Bill, Kathy Lopez, Roland de la Torre, Bray, David Marchant and Irene and Louie Bill.

Albany resident Gwyneth McMillan is going away to Missoula, Montana to meet with her sister Susan Stokes, and help her plan for her wedding. Important decisions must be made. Will the ceremony be at a lodge high atop a nearby hill, or in a small church?

Susan will marry fellow student Andy Evans June. Last month she flew to her mother's home with sisters Beverly Flindt and Marilyn Glass, with her attendants, and to pick out materials and dresses of both bride and attendants. The climax when their father, George Stokes, took the girls to the ballet in San Francisco.

Brother Walter, now living in Thompson Falls, will also be part of the wedding party, and young son, Benjamin, will be ring bearer.

Susan and Andy will make their home near a medical school he attends after his graduation from the University of Missoula this June. Susan will continue studies there.

(If you have a celebration, event or activity you like to share with us, please call your correspondent Clara-Rae Genser, at 525-4585. Or drop a line to 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706. We know, and let others know, what is happening in Albany County, including El Cerrito, Kensington, and Albany.

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Stuffed Pork Chops	2 <sup>69</sup> LB.
Meat Loaf	1 <sup>69</sup> LB.
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## Landscape architects sets gardening course

ALBANY — East Bay landscape architect Gotzenberg will teach a 10-meeting landscaping course starting Thursday, March 29.

Registrants will learn proper and easy ways to shape, transplant and replant shrubs. Re-seeding overgrown lawns during the critical months of April will be covered.

Gotzenberg will also teach about proper bush and tree layouts, low maintenance gardens, drainage, and other landscaping fundamentals.

Gotzenberg has served as vice-president of the American Institute of Landscape Architects. His graphs have appeared in House and Garden Beautiful, and Arizona Highway magazines.

Call Albany Adult School at 526-6811 for first-night registration procedures. Classes will be held at Albany High, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 108. \$27.



# In the job

## Portrait of a local labor leader

By JIM GRODNIK

**A**LBANY — John Cunningham, newly elected president of a California labor council covering more than 100,000 federal workers, is a bundle of contradictions.

He believes government employees are under attack by the Reagan administration, a belief strong enough for him to give up enjoyable evenings of Berkeley coffee-house conversation in exchange for the meetings, mailings and telephone responsibilities that come with the presidency of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) 2391, a U.S. Department of Labor local.

Cunningham's union work load increased even more last month when he was elected president of the Northern California Council of AFGE Locals, which is made up of 40 local unions.

Contradictions? On one hand, as a Department of Labor economist with three masters' degrees, Cunningham earns \$38,000 a year. He has 21 years of seniority in the department, and owns a comfortable Albany home with a swimming pool in the back yard.

Then there's Cunningham the union man, the son of a Massachusetts CIO organizer who "won't go into management." Asked if he'd call himself a socialist, Cunningham waited a long time before answering and then said, "There's more richness in socialism than in most plans; more decency, more compassion and more generosity."

In a press release issued last month, Cunningham, who has masters' degrees in history, library science and psychology from Clark University, Worcester, Mass.; UC-Berkeley and JFK College in Orinda respectively, referred to the Reagan administration's "cruel and heartless treatment of federal employees, organized labor and the poor and needy in general."

Cunningham said the statisticians, claims examiners, safety inspectors, economists and clerks who work under the Local 2391 umbrella are skilled, dedicated workers; he bristled with anger at what he said are "insults from ignorant politicians."

Pointing to the administration's relaxed OSHA standards, plans to raise the retirement age and pension contributions of government workers (contributions have been raised from 6 to 7 percent of gross income, and there's talk of raising them to 9), cuts in sick leave and vacation, and a general attitude of downplaying the worth of government employees, Cunningham said, "I've never been so angry in my life, and I'm 48 years old."

An attempt to establish a merit system for federal workers constitutes another form of attack, Cunningham said. The Reagan administration has suggested that civil service raises be tied to performance evaluations.

"That turns grown-up professionals into school boys and girls looking for a grade. It's like high school," Cunningham said.

As head of the Northern California Council, Cunningham sees his job as one of involving people in the union. He's initiated training programs in how to write newsletters, and organized classes in parliamentary procedure.

Other plans include an "adopt-a-local program," in which strong, well-run locals would help small, weaker ones with their problems, and a three-day meeting of shop stewards in Las Vegas as an incentive to involve more stewards in the union.

Despite modest monthly dues ranging from \$8.50 to \$12.50, only about 40 percent of the 1,000 eligible workers of San Francisco-based Local 2391, have joined.

One reason is economic. Since civil service salaries are determined by legislation, many workers think there's no point in joining a union that doesn't do collective bargaining. Others don't join because the grievance-handling mechanism of the AFGE is available to all government employees whether they are union members or not.

Cunningham counters these objections by saying the union fights against layoffs, watches over working conditions, lobbies in Washington for better contracts and gives people pride and dignity. Cunningham brings a moral fervor to his belief.

"I tell people not only will you feel better (if you join), but it's the right, proper, decent thing to do," he said.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
Loan No. 47295047  
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T.D. SERVICE COMPANY, as duly appointed Trustee under the following described deed of trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH AND/OR THE CASHIERS OR CERTIFIED CHECKS SPECIFIED IN CIVIL CODE SECTION 2924h (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property hereinafter described:

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costs, expenses, and advances is \$44,079.92.

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Date: March 20, 1984  
T.D. SERVICE COMPANY as said Trustee,  
By T.D. SERVICE COMPANY agent

By CHERYL COSTA  
Assistant Secretary  
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A-13106-March 28; April 4, 11, 1984

Said sale will be held on Thursday, April 19, 1984, at 11:00 a.m., on the steps to the County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA.

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The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$72,238.67.

The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

Date: February 28, 1984  
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(213) 937-5600

By MILLIE JACKSON  
Authorized Signature  
No. 61782  
A-297-March 14, 21, 28, 1984

LEGAL NOTICE J-144144  
PICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. 84-434

The following person is doing business as:

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The business is conducted by individuals:  
Signed: JOHN K. NORHEIM

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 24, 1984.

CERTIFICATION  
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.

J.R. OLSSON  
County Clerk  
By: JANIS LORDE  
Deputy  
J-287-March 7, 14, 21, 28, 1984

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## The art of drawing



David Lee, a senior at El Cerrito High shows one of his award winning drawings. Drawings and paintings by 170 students from El Cerrito High will be on display the evening of April 5 and all during the school day on April 6 in the art building (room 700) located on Eureka and Stockton avenues, El Cerrito.

## West County waterworks

**E**L CERRITO — Concerned about water quality, the City Council agreed recently to work to get West County more active in a boiling dispute.

"We in West Contra Costa need to get more organized," said Council member Charles Lewis IV.

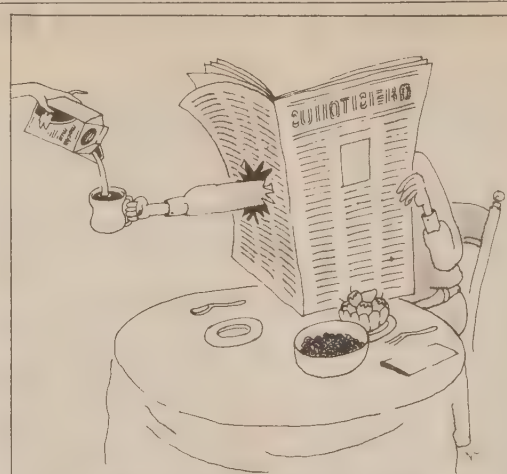
Central Contra Costa County gets its water from the Delta, which in dry years is contaminated by the Pacific. West County residents get their water straight from Sierra reservoirs.

The Contra Costa Water District, which serves the Central County, and the

East Bay Municipal Utility District, which serves the West County and most of Alameda County, are now talking about merging.

For decades the central county district showed little interest in merging but a revolt by some of the cities it serves prompted the talks and a study.

West County residents would still be assured Sierra water but there is some concern that with the added customers EBMUD would serve the West County water that has been growing tepid in local reservoirs instead of fresh supply. Lewis said EBMUD staffers predict that West County water will suffer a loss in quality.



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# High school roundup

## ALBANY

**BASEBALL** — The Cougars won one and lost two last week. On Friday, March 23, against San Leandro the Cougars scored a run in each of the first four innings to come away with a 4-2 win. Winning pitcher **Doug Roney** went six-and-two-thirds innings. **Kevin Tannahill** relieved. Standouts at the plate were **Logan Katka** who had two hits and drove in two runs and **David Wilson** who belted a triple and a single and scored twice.

On March 19, the Cougars lost to Alameda 5-2. On March 21, they lost to Encinal 11-7. Coach John Goetz likes the young squad with its four starting sophomores.

"We're going to be in the race all the way," he said. The club's overall record is 5-4; the league record is 2-2.

**GOLF** — **Len Pyle** finished third in the Tilden Park Golf Club's 36-hole Jack Fisher Trophy tournament played Feb. 26 and March 4 at Tilden. Pyle's net score was 143. **Bob Gray** (144) and **Stan Bovich** (146) won pro shop certificates.

**TRACK** — On March 22, against Alameda at Cougar Field, the boys' varsity won 75-61, the girls won 88-35. A combined freshman-sophomore team won 90-46.

**David Reed**, senior, competing in his last meet before accompanying coach Joe Cruz on a spring trip to Mexico, won the half-mile, the two-mile, and finished second in the mile. He was also a member of the winning mile relay team.

**Bob Woolford**, freshman, competing with the varsity, "enabled us to win the meet," said Cruz. Woolford finished second in the 300-meter 110-meter hurdles. He also placed third in the triple jump.

Also starting was **Marc Sorko-Ram** who long-jumped 21 feet, and won the 100 meter dash. Cruz said the 21-foot effort on the slow Cougar runway was an outstanding accomplishment.

**SOFTBALL** — Correspondent Marty Bandvik reports the Albany Middle School's seventh grade girls opened the season with a wild, come-from-behind, 9-8 win over Fremont.

The Cobras trailed 8-0 before their bats came alive. Hitting stars for Albany were **Zenia Harris**, who had three singles, and **Jenny Laird**, who stroked a three-run homer.

## EL CERRITO

**BASEBALL** — For the second straight game, El Cerrito won despite an anemic offense. Against Pinole Valley on March 22, the Gauchos, led by perennial standout **James "Pops" Mitchell**, notched a 3-0 win on only two hits.

Mitchell did it all. His double and triple were the only E.C. hits, and on the mound he blanked the Spartans with four hits.

The Gauchos are now 2-0 in RBAL play and 5-0-1 overall. Pinole Valley's record is 1-1 in league play, 3-3 overall.

The defending North Coast Section champion Gauchos opened the league season March 20, with a 5-3 win over the Berkeley Yellowjackets.

Reliever **Brian Nichols** struck out six of the seven batters he faced and didn't allow a hit. The Gauchos were out 7-3, but made the most of their hits. **Antoine Pickett** scored three runs without getting a hit. He walked twice, reached base on an error, and stole three bases. **Johnny Perkins** had a triple, a single

and stole a base.

**SOFTBALL** — The Gauchos stayed unbeaten with a 13-12 squeaker over Richmond. The Oilers staged a furious seventh-inning rally to pull from 13-8 to 13-12 until reliever **Karryl Smith**, who also had three hits on the day, slammed the door on the rally. **Dina Ellis** went 4-4 at the plate and stole a base. **Angelina Daniels** drove in two runs.

El Cerrito won its second straight RBAL game with a 15-9 victory over Berkeley

on March 20. **Karryl Smith** led the attack with two doubles and a single and drove in two runs. The Gauchos girls defeated De Anza March 19 by a score of 15-10 in the RBAL opener. Sophomore **Shelly Kinnison** batted out three hits in four trips to the plate. She also pitched two hitless innings, striking out four, as she took the mound for the first time.

The junior varsity lost to De Anza 16-12 on March 19, and bounced back to defeat Berkeley the next

day 23-17.

**PINTO LEAGUE** — The Lions mauled the Eagles 17-10 on March 23. **Kevin Parrish** hit a home run and had three hits. **Joel Papo** had a homer, a triple and a double for the winners. For the Eagles, **Max Werner** and **Corey Baker** each had three hits.

The defending Pinto League champion Bobcats bombed the Rangers 19-10 Saturday. **Donnell Carson**, who went 3-3 on the day, homered for the winners, as did **Bobby McHenry**.

## Summer day camps planned for EC parks

EL CERRITO — The City of El Cerrito Recreation Division will offer a summer daycamp program, June 18 through Aug. 31 for children ages 4 - 14 years.

The El Cerrito Community Center is now accepting applications for day camp directors, leaders, assistant leaders, counselors in training and volunteers to staff the summer program.

The program serves 235 children weekly at five campsites with a staff of 30 summer employees. Activities include recreational and educational activities centered around a weekly theme, excursions, special events, swimming lessons, and tennis lessons. Each camp site offers a slightly different program.

Applications are available at the Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane and will be accepted through April 6. Interviews will be scheduled during Easter break. For more information please call Barbara Schultz-Creamer at 525-6748.

## Easter hat parade slated for youngsters

EL CERRITO — The city's Community Center will plan an Easter bonnet and hat parade for preschool and kindergarten age children on Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m.

Children and/or parents should make the hat, which should have a spring or Easter theme. Bonnets and hats will be modeled at the Community Center and will be judged on originality, most costumes.

At the show the Easter Bunny will act as the emcee and will award ribbons to the winners. Certificates will be given to all participants.

Register at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, through April 20. Entry fee is \$1.00. Registration will be taken at the door.

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## Marathon aids CF fund

A 3-hour "aerob-a-thon" will be held Saturday, March 31 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. as a fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Northern California.

The event will be held at the Veterans' Memorial Building, 2203 Central Ave., Alameda.

Participants can collect pledges of support from family and friends for every minute they work out or a direct donation can be made at the door. No registration fee will be charged.

The top fundraising participants will receive prizes. The event is sponsored by Bodyworks & Co.





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## Albany Council candidates ready for big day

## Robert Cheasty



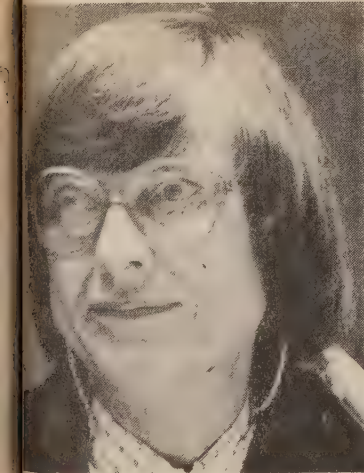
Robert Cheasty, 35, is a member of the Waterfront Committee and the Pension Advisory Committee. He was head of the pension subcommittee which wrote the 1983 report on the fire and police pension fund. Cheasty is a lawyer and head of the legal department of the Carpenters Trust Funds in San Francisco. He has represented the Carpenter Trust Funds before state and federal agencies. He has been a fundraiser for the Albany YMCA, and has lived in Albany for two years.

ALBANY — According to Robert Cheasty, closing the city's landfill, making decisions about waterfront development and working with the Santa Fe Co. would be major goals of the next council. Cheasty, a member of the Waterfront Committee, said the council's short-term goal should be to get the \$2.5 million the state has appropriated for closing the landfill, and not released. He said the council and the community also should begin to ask what type of development would be appropriate along the waterfront, including the Golden Gate Fields and other property owned by the Santa Fe Land Improvement Co. "There are a lot of decisions to be made about development," Cheasty said. "We need to work with the rest of the governments and Santa Fe on the (East Bay) shoreline project, and not be intimidated by Santa Fe." Although taxes from Golden Gate Fields make up about 22 percent of the city's general fund, Cheasty said the loss of the race track "should not be viewed as a horrible possibility." "Golden Gate takes up a huge amount of space and could put something in which was much smaller and brought in just as much revenue," he said. Here are Cheasty's position on other issues:

- Pension: Cheasty called the surtax, which the council has passed for two years to fund the pension system, "a temporary stopper." "I think (the council) has to deal with the problem head on and not keep imposing the surtax," he said. Cheasty, a member of the Pension Advisory Committee, said the solution to the pension system's financial woes were a voter-approved tax and an agreement limiting future pension increases. "The city needs to enter into dialogue with the pensioners to save the plan by voluntarily compromising, and the citizens must be willing to vote in a tax," he said.
- City finances: Cheasty said the city's financial outlook did not appear as gloomy as recently predicted, because the city's sales tax and race tax were up. He said the problem was the state's refusal to return more of the tax money to the cities. If the state continues to withhold money, resident might have to decide whether to tax themselves or lose services like the ambulance, he said.
- Police wage hikes: Cheasty said the police should receive the same 2.3 percent wage hike as the fire fighters. He said there should be "basic parity" between the two groups' wages, because the risks associated with their jobs

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## Ruth Ganong



Ruth Ganong, 60, has served four years on the City Council, two of these as mayor. She served eight years on the Board of Education, two of these as president. She is a member of the Alameda County Training and Employment Board, county Manpower Advisory Board, county Solid Waste Management Authority, county Commission on the Status of Women and county Library Advisory Committee. She is also a member of the League of California Cities Public Safety Committee. She is also on the board of the county Heart Association, the county March of Dimes and the city's YMCA. She is a graduate of Smith College and has a certificate from the Boston Architectural Center. She has lived in Albany for 29 years.

ALBANY — Mayor Ruth Ganong says if she is reelected to the City Council her priority will be finding a stable system of city financing. "In my 12 years of public life, we have not been able to plan properly," said Ganong, who served eight years on the school board and four on the council. "The budget has always been iffy." Since Proposition 13, the property-tax rollback passed in 1978, Albany, like other cities, has depended on the state for much of its budget. Ganong said she would lobby in Sacramento for a consistent method of allocating money to California cities. City Treasurer Jo Ann Connor and City Administrator William Haden recently told the council the city could cut its service during the next fiscal year if state did not return more of the tax money to the city or local residents refused to raise taxes. While Ganong said she believed this prediction was too gloomy, she said that if the city's revenue continued to fall low, cuts in the public safety departments might be the result. "And I don't want to that," she said. "We are committed to maintaining public safety." She said residents may have to share more of the cost of maintaining city services and the infrastructure of the city. She said, for example, the council might consider requiring residents to pay half the cost of maintaining the sidewalks, especially those with camphor trees, the roots of which crack the sidewalks. Here are Ganong's positions on the issues:

- Pension: Ganong said she supported continuing the annual surtax on property owners. She said she did not support placing the tax before the voters, who might vote to stop the funding and cause a lawsuit.
- "I can't see asking voters to vote on something that would put the city in the position of doing something illegal."
- Police wage hike: Ganong said she did not support

more than a 2.3 percent wage hike for police department employees.

- Appointed police chief: Ganong said she supported appointing rather than electing the police chief. She said the city would get a larger pool of qualified applicants and the police officers would have a better shot at promotions. "The officers can't run against an elected chief, because the fact is the department is organized in such a way they can't challenge the chief," said Ganong. Asked if her desire for an appointed police chief was motivated by dislike of current Chief James Simmons, she responded, "that is really unfair. It is true of others, but that is not my motivation for wanting it."
- Appointed city attorney: Ganong said she also supports appointing the city attorney. "I think ringing door bells and convincing the electorate may not be the best way to choose a city attorney," Ganong said. She said she supports putting the issue of an appointed versus elected police chief and city attorney on the November, 1984 ballot.
- Waterfront: Ganong said she supports waterfront development which includes "lots of access to the shoreline." She said she hopes the Golden Gate Fields property could be developed into "something more meaningful for the area and used more than 120 days a year," and generate as much tax money for the city as the race track.
- Mayor's term of office: Ganong, who has served two terms as mayor, said the council should decide whether the mayor should serve one or two years. Ganong said she supported a two-year term, because the mayor got more experience and the city benefits from the experience.
- Council positions: Ganong says generally the council should not take a position on state, national or foreign policy issues. But she said she asked the council to endorse a state bill aimed at preventing members of private clubs, discriminating against women, from taking advantage of tax deductions, because the practice could effect Albany women.
- Measure A: Ganong said she supported Measure A, calling it a technical change. If the measure is approved, she said alternates would have a responsibility to be informed before casting a vote.

Candidate profiles  
by Frances Thomas

## A look at the city's issues

ALBANY — All candidates for the City Council were asked their positions on a number of issues the council may face during the next four years:

- The candidates were asked to discuss their priorities.
- Pension — The candidates were asked how to keep the financially unsound pension system out of bankruptcy.

In 1982 Albany voters defeated a ballot measure asking them to tax themselves to fund the Police and Fire Pension Fund. Since 1982, the City Council has passed an annual surtax, taxing property owners to keep the Police and Fire Pension Fund out of bankruptcy.

The pension system covers police and fire employees hired before 1971 when the city joined the state retirement system. As the number of retired workers has grown and the number of people paying into the system has decreased, the city has had to infuse the fund with extra money. In addition pension payments ballooned after a 1969 court decision tied pension benefits to current salaries, rather than

the salary received at the time of retirement.

- City finances — The candidates were asked how they would keep the city operating in the black.

The city recently faced a cash shortfall. City officials also say the city may face further employee and service cuts during the next fiscal year, unless the state returns more tax money to the city or local taxes are raised.

- Police wage hike — The candidates were asked if the police department employees should receive the same wage increase as other city workers.

City fire fighters and city hall employees recently received a 2.3 percent wage hike. The police department employees did not accept the settlement and are still negotiating with the city.

- Appointed police chief and city attorney — The candidates were asked their positions on the issue of elected versus appointed police chief and city attorney.

The current council had discussed putting the issue of an appointed police chief on the April 10

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## Robert Luoma



Robert Luoma, 59, was a member of the City Council from 1976 to 1980 and served as mayor his last year. He was a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for 14 years and a member of the Civil Service Commission for two years. He has been an Albany Little League volunteer for 28 years and has volunteered time to other non-profit groups. He is a member of the Albany Chamber of Commerce and a sustaining member of the Albany YMCA. Luoma is a construction superintendent for a Concord contractor and is an accredited vocational teacher. He has lived in Albany for 30 years.

ALBANY — Robert Luoma says the way to restore the city's financial health is through a combination of new taxes and more business in the city. "It is a combination of a tax on the ballot and a better business climate to put the city on a sound footing," Luoma said. City officials have said the city's current cash shortfall might get worse, and Luoma said solving this problem was a priority. Luoma, who served previously on the Council and was mayor in 1979, said the only way to increase revenues is to increase taxes. "I want to see the city in the black," he said. "We can put an issue on the ballot to raise taxes. Proposition 13 dictates that we have to educate people that this is the way it has to be." Although higher taxes would be unpopular, Luoma said he would support an increase rather than cut public safety employees.

Luoma also said the city should encourage people to shop in Albany, which helps businesses and increases the city's sales tax. Luoma said, for example, the city should improve the lighting along Solano Avenue to encourage people to come to Solano Avenue at night for shopping or dinner. The city has installed energy-efficient bulbs in the street lights, but Luoma says they are too dim. "If you get better lighting, the area is more inviting and people shop there and businesses do better and so does Albany," he said. "You can only cut so much meat off the bone, before nothing is left." Here are Luoma's positions on other issues:

- Pension: Luoma said the council should place another pension funding measure on the ballot. The voters, rather than the council, should decide if a surtax should be used to keep the system out of bankruptcy, he said.

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## Robert Nichols



Robert Nichols, 29, was appointed to the City Council in October, 1982, to fill an unexpired term. Before his appointment he was a member of the Civil Service Board. Nichols graduated from Albany High School and California State University at Hayward. He received a law degree from Golden Gate University. He is a deputy district attorney for Contra Costa County and has lived in Albany for 24 years.

ALBANY — Council member Robert Nichols says the biggest question facing the new council is to find long-term funding for the financially unsound pension system and convince voters the city has a responsibility to fund the system. Nichols, who was appointed in October, 1982, to fill an unexpired term, said continuing to impose the annual surtax to fund the system might be "the only reasonable course." But he said city voters should decide the issue. "If the resolution is going to be to continue the tax, then we should be honest with the citizens and take the tax to the people," Nichols said. Asked to comment on what would happen if the voters decided to stop funding the system, Nichols said, "It depends on your faith in voters. If voters are properly informed and understand the alternatives there is no reason why they can't make a sound judgment." Here are Nichols' positions on other issues:

- City finances: Nichols said the city's current cash-flow problem might have been prevented with better short-term planning. He said, for example, the council might have delayed its recent purchase of two police cars and public works equipment if it had known about the cash

shortfall. In the long run, he said the state should guarantee a stable system of distributing tax money to cities. Nichols said there could be cuts in the public safety departments if revenues continue to drop. "I would want those cuts to be as minimal as possible, but there are limits," he said. "There are holes in the streets, sewers to be unplugged and to some extent parks must be maintained." Voters might have to decide whether they want higher taxes or fewer police and fire services, Nichols said.

- Police wage hike: Nichols declined to comment, because the city is negotiating with the police department employees.
- Appointed police chief: Nichols supports an appointed police chief. Because the city charter requires that the chief live in Albany, Nichols said few police officers qualify.

"There are hundreds of people in the Bay Area who meet the qualifications but don't want to move to Albany," Nichols said. "I believe if the chief retired we have

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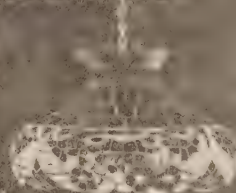
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## CHEASTY

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the same.

Appointed police chief: Cheasty refused to say whether he supported an appointed or elected police chief, saying the issue needs further study. Although Cheasty said there were a lot of problems with an elected chief, "I said the issue had become a personality clash that threatened to divide the city."

Asked if there were any advantages to having an appointed chief, he said, "Presumably there is the advantage of having a chief responsible to the voters. I don't know if that's true."

## LUOMA

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the city has to pay, no one else will," Luoma said.

Police wage hike: Luoma said he has been involved in labor negotiations before and hesitates to take a position. However, he said he doubted the council could settle with the police employees for 2.3 percent, which he said "I think when enough people realize the city has an obligation to its employees to pay the pensions, people will not take into account the inflation rate."

"I don't have any problem paying for protection," Luoma said. "It is like insurance."

Appointed police chief: Luoma said he was not in favor of an appointed police chief. He said the city was "well-served" by James Simmons, the city elected chief. "We have had no problems with the (current) sys-

## NICHOLS

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the citizen who is eligible to take his place. Our citizens deserve better. They deserve a choice."

Appointed city attorney: If the police chief is appointed, Nichols said the city attorney also should be appointed.

"The best argument for an appointed city attorney is when (the council) needs different legal talent we can go and get it," said Nichols, who added the city might need a litigation lawyer for a time, but later need a lawyer who specializes in contracts.

Nichols said he would support putting a measure on the November, 1984, ballot asking voters if the city should have an appointed police chief and city attorney.

Waterfront: Nichols said he hoped the racetrack remained in Albany, but said long-range planning should wait now, "because if we wait until 1996 or 1997 Santa Fe will have a gun at our head," he said.

If Santa Fe refused to work with the city, Nichols said it was possible for the city to condemn Santa Fe's property

under the city's right of eminent domain and hire its own developer.

Nichols said he wanted public access along the waterfront shoreline.

Mayor's term of office: Nichols said the city could benefit from a two-term mayor's experience and political contacts at the county and state levels. But he said there were times when a change was needed and he would not support making a two-term mayor a council policy.

Council positions: Nichols said generally the council should not take positions on state and national issues, partly because council members have not always studied these issues. But he said he endorsed the state bill which would end tax deductions on meals eaten at male-only clubs, because of a strong belief that "discrimination on any basis is improper."

Measure A: Nichols said he supported Measure A, calling it a "common sense" proposal, which will ensure that a majority of the pension board will be available to authorize pension payments each month.

tem," he said.

Appointed city attorney: Luoma also said the city attorney should remain an elected official.

But he said he "wouldn't be averse to putting (the issues) on the ballot" and letting voters decide whether the two positions should be elected or appointed.

Waterfront: Luoma said he did not want "to speculate about what the city will do in 15 years" when Golden Gate Fields' lease with the Santa Fe Co. will either expire or be renewed.

"The track brings in a tremendous amount of money (to the city)," he said. "The best thing to do is let sleeping dogs lie and not even rock the boat in that direction."

Mayor's term of office: Luoma says he does not support two-term mayors. He said every person elected to the council should have an opportunity to be mayor, and "if one person serves more than once, then somebody else

council should decide whether the term should be one or two years and put the policy into effect in two years.

Council positions: Cheasty said the council should "keep to the business of Albany." But he said he "probably" would have endorsed the state bill prohibiting tax deductions for meals at clubs which exclude women.

"I might occasionally stray and make a stand on an issue, but would keep the focus on municipal government," he said.

Measure A: Cheasty said he supported Measure A.

doesn't get the chance."

Luoma said, however, a one-term limit should be an informal rather than official council policy.

Council positions: Luoma said the council "had no business getting involved in national affairs." He said he did not support the council's recent endorsement of a state bill prohibiting tax deductions for meals at private clubs which exclude women.

Measure A: Luoma said he did not support the measure. Although he said he was not opposed to allowing the vice-mayor to alternate for the mayor on the pension board, he said city hall department heads should not be allowed to "abdicate" their responsibilities to others.

"I wouldn't like to think that they are too lazy to do the job," he said. "If they are, we should get somebody else."

## It's candidates night

ALBANY — "Meet the Candidates," to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, at the Albany Veterans Memorial Building, will give the voters of Albany the opportunity to meet the candidates for election to city offices.

All candidates for city council, city treasurer, and board of education, will be asked to participate.

Candidates will make a five minute presentation of their qualifications and platform, after which they will participate in a question-and-answer period. Questions to the candidates must be presented in writing to the moderator during the meeting.

Lawrence J. Hughes, the principal of Vista School and the Adult School, will be the moderator.

The meeting is sponsored by Albany Post No. 292, of The American Legion.

## ISSUES

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ballot, but later dropped the issue.

Police Chief James Simmons opposes changing to an appointed system. City Attorney Robert Zweben says as long as the police chief remains an elected position so should the city attorney. The issues, especially the question of an appointed police chief, are complicated by an apparent antagonism between Simmons and supporters of an appointed chief.

Waterfront: The candidates were asked what were appropriate land uses for the Albany waterfront.

The Santa Fe Land Improvement Co. owns 138 acres of drylands at the Albany waterfront. The property includes the site of Golden Gate Fields, whose lease expires in 1997. The track pays about \$600,000 a year (or 22 percent of the city general fund) to the city in taxes. Santa Fe is not saying whether the track will continue to operate after 1997.

Recently the Waterfront Committee recommended the city begin evaluating land uses for the waterfront, preparing for the time when Santa Fe may want to develop its land.

Mayor's term of office: The candidates were asked how long a mayor should serve.

Several council members have served more than one term (one year) as mayor, including current Mayor Ruth Ganong. The council's selection of the mayor has caused some antagonism and political tension among council members.

The candidates were asked their positions on the council taking stands on state and national issues.

Recently the council endorsed a state assembly bill prohibiting members of male-only clubs from taking a tax deduction on meals eaten at the club. Last year the council refused to endorse the Fast for Life, which sought to ease nuclear tensions.

Measure A: The candidates were asked their positions on Measure A, a charter amendment which allows alternates to serve and vote on the Pension Board, which administers the Police and Fire Pension Fund. Alternates have served regularly in the past, but the charter has never been amended to allow this practice.

## Journal class slated

Vista College is offering a tuition-free class on using journals to understand life taught by Susan Newman, M.S.W.

The class will explore concepts of growth developed by Carl Jung, Ira

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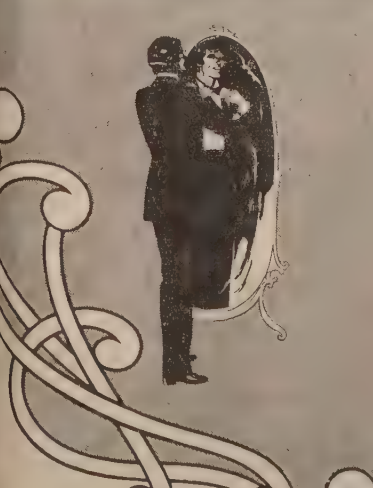
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# Obituaries

## Lewis Howell

ALBANY — Former Mayor Lewis "Lou" M. Howell, who served on the City Council for 26 years, died last week in a Berkeley hospital. He was 74.

Howell, who was born in Sodus, N.Y. and lived in Albany for many years, died March 21.

He was appointed to the City Council in 1952 and served continuously until 1980, except for a two year hiatus. He was mayor for 13 years.

A longtime friend called him "the dean of Albany politicians." As mayor, Howell helped to devise the county gas tax formula which allows cities a fair share of the state gasoline tax. He also worked to establish a uniform sales tax formula.

Howell lobbied in Sacramento to defeat a state bill which would have banned the city's tax on Golden Gate Fields admissions, an important source of city revenue.

During his tenure, the Albany library and the city hall were built, both of which he worked to accomplish.

Jerome Blank, who served with Howell for 10 years on the council, said, "He was a very dedicated person. He worked hard on the council, and he was practical."

Howell was a former manager and buyer for Park and Shop Market in Berkeley and retired from the company after 25 years. He was a member of the Bayview Aerie 2323 Fraternal Order of Eagles, Berkeley Lodge 1002 the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Retail Clerks Union.

He was a fundraiser for community groups, including the American Field Service, the Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts,



Club Scouts and Albany High Band Booster.

Lee Keck, who served with Howell on the council, recalled Howell donated food when these clubs planned pancake breakfasts or spaghetti feeds.

"He always gave to the city," Keck said.

Howell is survived by his wife Hazel of Albany; sons Donald and John of El Sobrante; daughters Diane Friis and Lynn Gogna of El Cerrito, and Marilyn Howell of Albany; a brother, Joseph Howell of New York; a sister, Shirley Alcalde of Valencia; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 24 at Ellis-Olson Mortuary in Albany. Memorials may be sent to a favorite charity.

## Frieda Wolff

EL CERRITO — A memorial gathering will be held Sunday, April 1, at the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington, for Frieda Wolff.

Mrs. Wolff died at her El Cerrito home March 22 at the age of 70.

The president of the California Gray Panthers, Mrs. Wolff previously taught in rural schools in northern California. During World War II, she worked in public relations for the 12th Naval District.

Volunteering for Red Cross duty, she served with Allied troops in England, France, Belgium and Germany, and was the last American woman evacuated from Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge, before German troops entered the city.

After the war, Mrs. Wolff toured the country raising money for the Red Cross. As northern California director of the Spanish Refugee Appeal and Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee committee, she raised money for victims of the Spanish civil war.

During the 1950s and 60s, Mrs. Wolff owned stores in Carmel, and later operated a book-binding business in Oakland. In recent years, she was active in the Congress of California Seniors and the West Contra Costa County Gray Panthers. She was elected state president in 1983.

Survivors include her husband, Milton Wolff, Eda Bicknell of Oakland; a brother, Ernest Salas of Santa Cruz; two stepchildren, a niece and two nephews. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Agape Foundation, c/o San Francisco Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 50 Oak St., San Francisco 94102.

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Cost is \$10 for seniors, \$20 general. A second workshop, April 26-June 7, is on days, from 7-9 p.m., at Vista College, 2020 Mission Rd., Rm. 203. Cost is \$14 for seniors, \$28 general. Register through Vista College or at the meeting. Phone 841-8431 for information.

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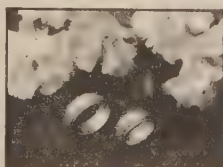
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**Squares:** Square dance with Ron Haggerty of the Albany Squares every Tuesday night, Albany Middle School, 1000 Jackson. Beginners class from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; intermediate plus brush up class, 8:30 to 10:15. For information call 526-7539.  
**Pocahontas:** Ramona Council 206, Degree of Pocahontas meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Sutter Ave., 8 p.m.  
**Workshop:** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 1917 Carlson Blvd., El Cerrito, from 10 to 12 p.m., making craft articles.  
**Albany Lions Club:** meets every Thursday at El Cerrito Station at 6:45 p.m. For information, call 527-8298.  
**Albany Rotary:** Albany Rotary Club meets Tuesday 12:15 p.m. at Spenger's Fish Grotto in Berkeley.  
**Frosting Freaks:** Frosting Freaks, a cake-decorating club meets in Albany the fourth Thursday of each month. For further information, call 234-9184.  
**Scandinavian Club:** Framat Lodge, Vasa Order of America, meets once a month at the Albany Temple, 533 S. Pablo Ave. Activities include dinners, cultural events, dances. For more information, call 527-3134.  
**Bridge club:** The club meets at noon on Mondays and Thursdays at the University Village Community Center, 1218 8th St. For more information, call 232-6689.  
**American Legion:** Albany Post 292 meets the first Friday of the month for dinner and the third Friday for a business meeting at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1325 S. Broadway Ave.  
**American Legion Auxiliary:** Albany Unit 292 meets at the Veterans Memorial Building the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m.  
**Golden Gate Lionesses:** Albany Lionesses Club meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Kirby's in El Cerrito Plaza.  
**Soroptimists:** Soroptimist International of Albany meets Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. at Kirby's in El Cerrito Plaza. Color consultant Carol Westphal will demonstrate her work at the March 28 meeting at her home.  
**Toastmasters:** This organization of men and women wish to improve their speaking, listening and leadership skills has five clubs in the Albany area. For information call Michael Jay at 848-5451.  
**Scrabble:** Albany Scabble Players Club 41 has changed the day of its meetings from Sundays to Wednesdays. Starting at 1 p.m. the club will play three games of 1 hour each. For reservations and information, call Isabelle Stetten at 526-8675.  
At the last meeting of the club, Merle London of Berkeley was high winner, winning three out of three

games. David Sanger of Albany has reached the B rank, having completed 50 games and winning 50 expert points.  
**Chorus:** The Berkeley Women's Chorus meets Thursday morning at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, at Solano and Pomona. No auditions are held; the only requisite is the love of singing.  
**Booster Bingo:** Albany Booster bingo meets every Saturday at Albany Middle School, 1000 Jackson St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Games start at 7.  
**EL CERRITO**  
**TOPS:** The El Cerrito TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club, 1941 meets every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. at 6830 Stockton Ave. For more information call 232-2272.  
**Toastmistresses:** The USDA Toastmistress Club meets the first Saturday each month from 9 to 11 a.m. at Kirby's in El Cerrito Plaza. For information call 254-2530 or 529-2804.  
**Dancers:** Learn to square dance with the Buzzin Cuzzin Square dance Club of El Cerrito. Every Monday, at 7 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 6401 Stockton Ave. For information call 222-0505 or 526-8647.  
**Bridge:** Free continuing bridge lessons on Thursdays at Fairmount Recreation Center a 7 p.m. Duplicate game follows. Duplicate games also on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.  
**Kiwanis:** The Albany-El Cerrito Kiwanis meets Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at Carrow's Restaurant, 6120 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito.  
**El Cerrito Rotary:** El Cerrito Rotary meets Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at Cerrito City Club, 1600 Kearney.  
**El Cerrito Lions:** The El Cerrito Lions Club meets Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Cerrito City Club, 1600 Kearney. The club collects old or unused eye glasses, which it sends abroad. Drop off: Sunshine Cleaners, 10750 San Pablo Ave.  
**Salt Water Revival:** The El Cerrito Salt Water Revival Skin and Scuba Diving Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. at Harding Park clubhouse, 7115 C St. For information call 525-6229.  
**Coin Club:** The North Bay Coin club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Tassajara Park club house, Tassajara and Barrett, El Cerrito. No meeting in December.  
**KENSINGTON**  
**NAACP:** The Bay area ACT-SO Committee of the NAACP will present a musical program on March 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. The program will include pianists William Duncan Allen, Teknabker Winesberry and Victoria

Theodore; organist Orrin Suthern; singers Lorie Stevens, Tom Jones and Hannibal Means; oboist Dennis Harper and Bill Bell and the New Traveling Voices under the direction of Jackie Hairston.  
Patricia Freeman is coordinator for the ACT-SO (Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics) fund raisers and competitions. N. Constance Beatty and William Duncan Allen are music co-chairpersons.  
Tickets may be obtained from Iola Riley at 638-6791 or Patricia Freeman at 524-5462, or at the door: \$7.50/\$5 students and senior citizens.  
**Singles:** The Singles Club of the First Unitarian Church schedules many activities, including yoga, sing-alongs, dinners, dances, work parties and theatre parties. For information, call 486-5529 (days) or 525-2299 (evenings).  
**THOUSAND OAKS**  
**Northbrae Women:** On Wednesday, March 28, Northbrae Women's Club will have a dessert and fashion show at 1 p.m., with fashions from Sather Gate Apparel Shop.  
**Overeaters Anonymous:** Meets every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at Northbrae Community Church, upstairs in the 4th-5th grade room. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For further information call 569-1374 and leave a message.  
**OTHER COMMUNITIES**  
**Toastmistresses:** International Toastmistress Club will meet at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, at South Berkeley Library, 1901 Russell St. The organization offers members and guests the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and increase communicative abilities as a listener and speaker. For information call Loretta Newson at 522-7221, ext. 300 or 536-0638.  
**Attorneys:** Alameda Contra Costa Trial Lawyers Association presents an accident reconstruction seminar featuring Roy Cornwell and Rick Stuart, with East Bay trail lawyers Tom Schrag and Lew Van Blois conducting demonstrations regarding the use of reconstruction experts and demonstrative evidence on Tuesday, April 3, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Emeryville.  
**Organs:** The East Bay Home Organ Society presents, on Sunday, April 8, Jerry Nagano in concert. The event will be at the Hyatt Oakland, Hegenberger Rd.  
A social hour at 1 p.m., featuring incidental music, and luncheon at 2 p.m. will precede the 3 p.m. concert. Cost for luncheon is \$9.50 for members, \$11.50 for guests. Reservations must be made by April 6, by calling 531-6035 or 547-2258.  
**Barbershop:** Chorus rehearsals are held every Mon-

day at the Berkeley Elks Club, 2018 Allston Way, Berkeley, at 8 p.m. Men are welcome to join. For information, please call 525-SING.  
**Men:** The Men's Forum of the North Congregational Church, 2138 Cedar St., Berkeley, meets 9:30-10:30 a.m., Sunday mornings.  
**Sweet Adelines:** The Harmony Bay Chapter of Sweet Adelines welcomes new members on Wednesday evenings, at the first Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way, in Berkeley, at 7:30 p.m. For information, call Dene at 526-5587 or Carol at 233-5743.  
**Bridge:** The Live Oak Bridge Club is a non-profit community group that sponsors regular duplicate bridge sessions at the Live Oak Community Center in Berkeley.  
For information, contact Dick Evans at 843-4605.  
**Radio Club:** The East Bay Amateur Radio Club is devoted to furthering interest in amateur radio, participation in emergency radio service, and helping those interested in obtaining amateur radio licenses.  
Meetings are held second Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m., at Salvation Army Center, 36th and Rheem, Richmond. For information call Fred at 233-2076, or Don at 237-1381.

## Grand jury wants you

April 30 is the deadline for applications for persons interested in joining the Contra Costa County Grand Jury.  
The jury is composed of 19 persons whose names are determined by drawing from approximately 60 individuals interviewed by the Superior Court's Grand Jury Selection Committee.  
The jury serves for one year, monitoring county government and special districts, and issues an annual report. It also considers evidence for criminal indictments.  
A grand juror receives \$10 for each day of service and reimbursement for transportation to and from the county courthouse.  
A grand juror must be a United States citizen, at least 18 years old and a Contra Costa County resident for at least one year. Each juror spends approximately 20 hours a week on Grand Jury business, either meeting as a body or serving on a committee.  
Applicants may either send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Office of the Jury Commissioner, Room 108, Courthouse, PO Box 1110, Martinez, 94553, or drop by between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to get an application.  
All applications must be received by the Jury Commissioner's Office before 5 p.m. on April 30.  
The jurors will be chosen at the end of June.  
For more information, call 372-2345.

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He earned all 116 available to boy scouts. By earning every one of the merit badges, Eiland, who became an Eagle Scout last April, joins the ranks of a very small number of scouts throughout the nation who have ever achieved this distinction.

At 15 1/2, he may be the youngest scout ever to earn

all the badges. During the four years he worked on these badges, he acquired such skills as waterskiing, horseback riding, archery, lifesaving, and backpacking.

Many of the badges involved nature studies, while others concerned scientific activities. To earn the rank of Eagle Scout a boy must have 21 badges.

Eiland plans to enter the University of California after he graduates.

## 'Mayfest' planned to aid charity groups

EL CERRITO — Kirby's Restaurant in El Cerrito Plaza is sponsoring a Mayfest, to be held Saturday, May 12, in the plaza parking lot, as a fund-raiser for non-profit organizations.

Interested groups should make booth space reservations by Monday, April 16. Kirby's will provide entertainment, security, first aid and insurance, if needed.

Organizations may offer sale items, games, information and services. The El Cerrito Albany Lions Club will have the Sight Mobile for eye testing and the unit for donating blood. Hearing tests will be given and the Albany

Fire Department will measure blood pressures.

Entertainment is being sought at this time. Bands, clowns, mimes, vocalists and musicians are invited to participate.

Co-ordinating the event are Gary Ruwet of Kirby's, Barbara Bacon of Acorn Branch, Children's Hospital and Fern Luoma, Albany Chamber of Commerce. Committee members are Albany's Fire Chief Mike Koepke, Albany's Chamber of Commerce President Bob Flynn and El Cerrito's Chamber of Commerce President Sil Addiego.

Additional information may be obtained by phoning 527-8434, 526-1311 or 235-3446.

# Senior centers

## ALBANY

The center is at 846 Masonic Ave., 528-5748. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

## Special Events

Rapid reading series, 6-week course, Wednesdays, from 7-10 p.m.; Thursdays from 4-5:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday class ends March 28; Thursday evening class continues to April 5; Thursday afternoon class till April 12.

Slide show and musical accompaniment presented by radio announcer Gene Gordon on Wednesday, March 21, at 12:15 p.m. Subject: Mardi Gras.

Soroptimists of Albany will present a fund-raising, mustard-tasting and dancing party, Saturday, March 31 from 6:30-10 p.m. Price, \$7.50, includes dinner and dancing. Tickets available from members and at the center.

Yoga class, all levels, starts April 3, every Tuesday from 7:30-8:45 p.m.

No painting class on Tuesday, April 3. Instead, free transportation and admission on Wednesday, April 4, to Juan Gris exhibit at University Art Museum. Sign up at center; bus leaves at 2 p.m.

Legal assistance for Alameda County residents, by appointment, Wednesday, April 4, at 10 a.m.

General center meeting Thursday, April 5, at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome.

## AARP Tax Assistance

Trained assistants will assist you with your federal and state income tax forms. Bring all pertinent data, including last year's tax returns. Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.; Wednesdays 9 a.m.-noon; Thursdays, 1-4 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon.

## Classes

Monday: creative writing, 9 a.m.-noon; current world problems, 1-3 p.m.; crafts, noon-3 p.m.; tutorial writing, noon-2:30 p.m.

Tuesday: painting, 9 a.m.-noon; the search for meaning, 10 a.m.-noon; folk dancing, 1-3 p.m.; English as a second language, 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday: color slide photography, 9 a.m.-noon; current events, 10-noon; tutorial writing, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Tai Chi, 1:30-2:45 p.m.; Shakespeare, 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, California writers, 1-3 p.m.

Friday: creative writing and poetry, 1-3 p.m.

Saturday: (every 4th Saturday), American short story, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; writing, 1-4 p.m.

## Continuing Events

Blood pressure clinic, 4th Monday every month, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Barber service, Thursday 9 a.m.-noon. Donation requested.

Bingo, Thursday and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Singalong, Thursday, 11:30 a.m.

Cards and conversation, Thursday, noon-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

Bridge, Friday, noon-3 p.m.

Chess group, Friday at 10 a.m.

Community service, Friday, 10 a.m.-noon.

General center meeting, first Thursday every month, 12:30 p.m.

Social Security field representative at the center the first and third Friday of the month at 3 p.m. to answer questions.

## Transportation

Call at least one day in advance for reservations for senior van shopping trips. Thursday mornings: El Cerrito Plaza. Friday mornings: Solano Avenue. Requested donation, 50 cents per round trip. Albany residents only.

Taxi scrip available to Albany residents over age 65. Price from \$4-10, depending on income. Apply Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Persons in wheelchairs may purchase special transportation vouchers.

## Tours

Trips are sponsored by Albany Park and Recreation Dept. Make reservations with Myriam Heath, Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Thursday at 10 a.m.

April 16-20, southern California, \$315.25 per person, double occupancy; \$431 per person, single occupancy. May 16, 17, Steelhead overnight, \$44.50/person, double or twin; \$66.50/person, single. May 28-June 2, Rogue River, \$480/person, double or twin; \$615/single.

## Meals on Wheels

Home-delivered meals are available for Albany residents. The food is prepared at Alta Bates Albany Hospital and is delivered at mid-day by a volunteer driver. Regular, low-salt and diabetic meals are available. \$15 per week (weekdays only).

To order, please call the center at 644-8500 one week in advance. Coordinator Margo Tyndall will make all arrangements.

## Menus

The nutrition site meal is served at 4 p.m. Advance reservations are required. The suggested minimum donation for seniors is \$1 plus 50 cents; \$3.50 for persons under age 60. Monthly menus are available.

March 28, chicken; March 29, pork; March 30, fish; April 2, spaghetti with meat sauce; April 3, fish.

## EL CERRITO

### Open House

Located at 6500 Stockton Ave., behind the library; 526-0124. Drop in lounge open weekdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch daily at noon.

## Classes

Mondays: 10 a.m., Tai Chi; 1 p.m. bridge or choral group; 7 p.m., family history and tradition.

Tuesdays: 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., fitness; 10 a.m., beginning drawing; 10 a.m.-2 p.m., women's hairstyling (by appointment only); 1 p.m., grocery bingo.

Wednesdays: 9:30 a.m., mild exercise; 10:30 a.m., needlework; 10:30 a.m., beginning bridge; 12:30, knitting; 1 p.m., bridge or choral group.

Thursdays: 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., fitness; 10 a.m.,

Spanish conversation; 1-2 p.m., small appliances off.

Fridays: 9 a.m., themes in world art; 9 a.m. barber; cash bingo, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Lunch: March 28, pepper steak; March 29, ham; March 30, baked ham.

## Christ Lutheran

Mondays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 780 Ashbury St. Stockton.

Craft classes (pressed flower stationery, jewelry, weaving) are taught in the morning, 9 a.m. to noon. Afternoon program of information, spiritual community singing, sit-down exercises and folk dancing.

The program is co-sponsored by the Richmond School Adult Education program.

## St. John's Center

St. John's senior center meets every Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Catacombs building, 780 Lexington Street, El Cerrito. For information, call Gans, 529-1114.

The Center is part of the Richmond Unified School District Adult Education Program, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. lectures. After lunch, the group has community sit-down exercises and folk dancing until 2 p.m.

Any El Cerrito resident 60 years or older can attend this free Richmond adult school. Registration is on Tuesdays. Phone, Tuesday only, 234-2797.

Any West County resident can apply for training, and any adult can attend the free lectures.

## Community Center

Monday, 6-9 p.m. at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Program: first week, bingo; second week, cards and games; third week, luck; fourth week, cards and games. If there is a week, special programs. For information call 526-7086.

## Senior Citizens Club

Meets Thursday, 5-9 p.m. at St. John's Hall, Gladys and Lexington Streets. First Thursday: month: business and cards; second, bingo; third, observances; fourth, potluck and cards; fifth, special programs. For information: 526-7462.

## Sakura Kai Center

For Japanese-speaking senior citizens, first and second Saturdays, 1-3 p.m. at 6510 Stockton St. Arts, exercises, ceramics, "shigin" (poetry singing) and dance curricula available. For information: William W. 7086.

## KENSINGTON

Activity center, Thursday, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Activities include knitting instruction, French conversation and meditation. After lunch, group singing, bridge and a quilting class.

A potluck is held on the first Thursday of each month. Members may bring a dish to serve 4-6 people for \$2.50. A sandwich, cake and coffee are provided for cents on the remaining Thursdays.

The following programs are scheduled from 10 to noon: On March 29, Marva Brown will discuss Security.

## OTHER CITIES

### North Berkeley Center

1901 Hearst St., Berkeley, 644-6107. Open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., gift shop opens at 10 a.m.

Regular activities include needlework, therapeutic yoga, bingo, singing, Spanish, Mandarin and lessons, walks, painting, current events, folk dancing, ceramics, Jewish family circle, alcoholic support group history.

Income tax and legal advice, by appointment, available throughout the month, call 644-6107.

### Richmond Annex Center

5801 Huntington Ave., Richmond. Open weekdays through Friday. Weekday drop-in lounge, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday brunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (except holidays \$1.50). Other activities include gentle exercise, cards, service projects, needlework and games.

Monthly activities include a potluck supper by Donna Chavez, 526-3553.

### St. James Center

St. James Senior Center, located at St. James Church, 1963 Carlson Blvd., Richmond. Open Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Craft classes (water color painting, knitting, sewing, flower-making) are taught in the morning, which costs 50 cents, is at noon. Afternoon program includes information, speakers, community singing, down exercises and folk-dancing.

The program is co-sponsored by the Richmond School adult education program. Director is Isabelle. Call 524-4616 for information.

## Voice classes offered

Eugene Jones, founder and for 19 years director of Berkeley's Community Chorus and Orchestra, will conduct a voice class, Thursdays 7-10 p.m., March 22, at the Jefferson Cafeteria, Sacramento and 18th Streets, Berkeley.

Offered through Vista College, the class is free and open to beginning, intermediate and advanced students of all ages. Breathing, diction, phrasing and presence, as well as using Italian, Latin, English and man in voice practice, are among the topics covered. Students choose their own music and, as a project, work on a common song to perform in class.

Auditions and prior musical experience are not necessary. Register through Vista College, 2020 Milvia Berkeley, or at the first class meeting. Phone 841-8433 for more information.

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## After school

### classes

KENSINGTON — class openings remain elementary age children the Kensington School Enrichment program held at the Kensington Hilltop Elementary School.

The next session starts weeks from April 2 to 15. New instructors teach karate, tennis, games and a class in reading, writing and drama.

Classes in pottery, gymnastics and computer continue. Call 528-3070 for more information, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 527-9873 on evenings.



# Churches

## ALBANY

### Albany United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 1: The Reverend Virginia Hilton will preach on "The Courage to Love: Facing our Racism." Prayer and healing service follows worship. At 10 a.m., "Viva la Difference Men, Women and God," with Dr. Grace Hilton and Karen Hunold. Child care is provided. Monday, April 2: Bible study at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4: quilters, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. For information, call 526-7346. The church is at 980 Stannage Ave.

### Berkeley Buddhist Priory

Meditation periods and services Tuesday-Sunday. The prior is the Rev. Teigan Stevens. Beginners' retreats: first Sunday of the month 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., includes vegetarian lunch. A gift shop and library are available. For details, call 528-2139. Instruction in Soto Zen meditation: the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. The priory is affiliated with Shasta Abbey, a Zen Buddhist seminary and monastery in Mount Shasta. It is at 1358 Marin Ave.

### Church of Christ

On Sunday: Bible study is at 10 a.m., worship at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Max Crumley, Sr., minister. Wednesday, April 3: Bible study at 11 a.m. Call 526-6632 for information. The church is at 1370 Marin Ave.

### First Baptist Church of Albany

Bible study meets Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Women's Bible study meets at 9:30 a.m. Sunday: church school is at 9:30 a.m. Worship follows at 11 a.m. Call 526-6632 for information. The church is at 1319 Solano Ave. Phone 526-6632.

### Gracepoint Baptist Church

Sunday: Bible study at 9:45 a.m., followed by 11 a.m. worship service. Discussion hour at 5 p.m. is followed by a worship and song service. Staff includes Rev. Glen G. Campman, pastor; Rev. Ellen Frost, associate pastor; D. Shayne Gilpin, minister of music; and Steve Beck, minister of youth. The church is at 1221 Marin Ave.

### St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Sunday, April 1 services: At 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion with the laying on of hands, led by the Rev. Warren Debenham. A folk mass will be directed by Jeff and Ellen Frost. Debenham will preach and be assisted by Nihil Yacoub, lay reader. Music: The offertory anthem, "Libera Me," from Faure's Requiem. Ushers: George Coones and Alex Njoroge. Coffee hour follows the service. Inquirers' class meets at 11:30 a.m. The church is at 1501 Washington Ave.

## EL CERRITO

### Bay Area Seventh Day Baptist Church

Sabbath (Saturday) March 31: Worship 10:30 a.m.; sermon topic, "The Prosperity of the Wicked." Sabbath school at 11:45 a.m. Potluck luncheon follows school. The pastor is Rev. Steven Crouch. For information, call 724-0176. Services are held at the United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton Ave.

### El Cerrito United Methodist

Sunday, April 1: Worship at 11 a.m. Sermon: "It's Not Easy, But Go," by Rev. Phillip C. Lawson. Communion will be served. Church school is at 9:30 a.m. Scriptures: Psalm 23; Samuel 16:1-18; Ephesians 5:8-

14; John 9:1-14. Music: "Lamb of God," by Bizet, will be sung by the choir.

Choir music: "Break Thou the Bread of Life," by Pephel.

For information, call 525-3500. The church is at 6830 Stockton Ave.

### Grace Lutheran Church

Wednesday, March 28: Lenten service, led by Pastor Ralph L. Moeller at 7:30 p.m., is a continuing courtroom drama, "The People Against Jesus of Nazareth."

Sunday, April 1: Adult Bible class and Sunday school each meet from 9-9:50 a.m. At 10 a.m. worship, Moeller's service will be "The Obedience of Faith" from Matthew 26:39-41. Coffee/fellowship precedes the public forum. Forum subject: "Rape: A Feminist Viewpoint."

Holy Communion is administered the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

Wednesday, March 28: At 12:30 p.m. Albany-El Cerrito clergy meet. Choir rehearsal follows the Lenten service. Monday, April 2: Board of elders meets at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call 525-9004 mornings or 549-0858 afternoons. The church is at 15 Santa Fe Ave.

### Hillside Community Church

Sundays at 11 a.m.: informal fireside service, led by Dr. Horand Guttfeldt. For information, call 525-1462. The church is at 1422 Navellier St.

### Mira Vista United Church of Christ

For information, call 234-0110. The church is at 7075 Cutting Blvd.

### Northminster Presbyterian Church

Phone 524. 4401. The church is at 545 Ashbury Ave.

### St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

Call 237-0216. The church is at Potrero and Everett streets.

## KENSINGTON

### Arlington Community Church

Sunday, April 1: Service led by the Rev. Ken Barnes, "The Crucifixion: Pilate," from Psalm 67 and Matthew 27:11-16; new members received at 10 a.m.; Sunday school at 10 a.m., child care provided; coffee hour at 11:15 a.m.

At 6 p.m., meditation and healing; at 7 p.m. junior and senior high school fellowships.

Wednesday: Potluck supper at 6:15 p.m.; informal family worship at 6:45 p.m., led by Rev. Linda McFadden with piano accompaniment by Helen Willey. The church is at 52 Arlington Ave.

### First Unitarian Church

Saturday, March 30: musical revue at 7:30 p.m. Featured: Bill Bell and the New Traveling Voices, directed by Jackie Hearston.

Sunday, April 1: Service at 11 a.m. led by Dr. Richard Boeke, "April Fool: Individual Sanity in an Insane World." Choir music: four Effinger pieces: "No Mark," "Noon," "Basket" and "Wood."

Early Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m. led by Jon Ehlers, "Look and See What You Can Do Now." Adult forum meets at 9:30 a.m. to discuss ethics, led by Janet Souden. Child care available at 9:30 a.m.

Photo show of work of Lois Lucking Barnes noon to 3 p.m. in the Fireside room.

Tuesday, April 3: At 7:30 p.m., the Rev. Jacob Trapp



**A COOK'S TOUR** — Chef Mark Miller of the Fourth Street Grill will offer an evening cooking lesson to benefit the mission of St. Mary Magdalen's Parish in Chiapas, Mexico. The lesson, which will be presented on April 10 and repeated the following evening, will feature a complete menu of some of the favorites from the Grill. The classes, from 7 to 10 p.m., will include wine, a tasting of the menu, and printed recipes. Tax deductible contribution is \$30. For reservations, call 526-4811 or mail your check to 2005 Berryman, Berkeley, 94709.

will read his poetry. Potluck supper is at 6:30 p.m. Call 525-0302 for information.

Auditions are open for the June 2 and 3 performance of Haydn's "The Creation." Call 482-2022 for an appointment to audition. The church is at 1 Lawson Road, Kensington.

## THOUSAND OAKS

### Epworth United Methodist Church

Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. Sunday school classes are at 11:15 a.m. For information, call 524-2921. The church is at 1953 Hopkins St. in North Berkeley.

### North Congregational Church

Sunday, April 1: Worship at 11 a.m. The Rev. Bob Graham will speak on "Forgive Us Our Debts" from his Lord's Prayer series. Debra Smith, seminary intern, and Grace Peterson, layreader, will assist. Bible study meets at 9:30 a.m. to discuss "Reversing Your Losses," based on Mark 14:32f. Men's Forum meets at "the early hour." Call 524-9288 for information.

Call 848-1201 for other information. The church is at the corner of Cedar and Walnut streets in North Berkeley.

### Northbrae Community Church

Sundays: At 9:45 a.m. church council; at 10 a.m. junior choir rehearsal; at 10:30 primary choir rehearsal; Rev. David Sugarbaker will preach the 11 a.m. service. There will be church school classes at 11:20 a.m., social time at noon.

The church is at 941 The Alameda in North Berkeley.

### St. Mary Magdalen Church

For information, call 526-4811. The church is at 2005 Berryman St., Berkeley.

### Thousand Oaks Baptist Church

Sunday, April 1: 10:30 a.m. worship, combining English and Mandarin-speaking congregations, led by Rev. Eugene E. Paden. The message is "Just One Generation From Extinction" from Judges 2:6-15.

Music: Beethoven's "Pathétique, Movement 2," Jo-

shua Chen will play the piano, Wei Li, the organ. Coffee time follows the service.

Sunday classes: Intergenerational Bible study at 9:30 a.m., led by John Chapman; at 10:30, children's classes.

Wednesday: Potluck supper at 6:15 p.m., followed by Bible study.

Thursday, April 5: American Baptist Women meet at 10 a.m. Beverage and dessert will be provided, those attending should bring sandwiches. Meeting follows lunch.

Friday, April 6: Chinese and English choir rehearsals.

The church is at 1821 Catalina Ave., Berkeley.

## OTHER CITIES

### Chinese Rhenish Church

This bilingual (Cantonese and English) Lutheran church holds worship every Sunday at 11 a.m., with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. The pastor is Dr. Hoy-San Loke.

The church is at 4709 MacDonald Ave., Richmond. Phone 232-1072.

### First Congregational Church of Berkeley

For information, call 848-3696. The church is at Dana, Dwight and Channing, Berkeley.

### Temple Baptist Church

Sundays: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.; worship at 11 a.m.; children's choir practice at 5:30 p.m.; evening praise service at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: Old Testament study at 6:30 p.m.; children's crafts at 6:30 p.m.; choir practice at 7:45 p.m. Fridays: Youth group meets at 6:30 p.m. Saturdays: prayer breakfast is at 8 a.m.

The congregation will take a snow trip to Sierra Pines on March 31. Advance registration is required. Call 525-9103 for information.

The pastor is Rev. Jim Sisco. The church is at 1960 Carlson Blvd., Richmond Annex.

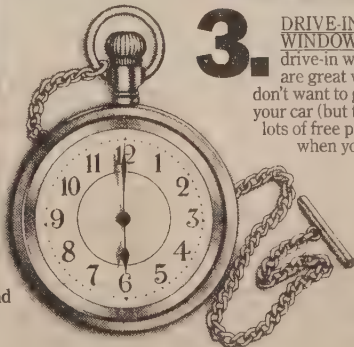
### Temple Beth Hillel

For information, call 223-2560. The temple is at 801 Park Central (off Hilltop, at the entrance to Hilltop Green).

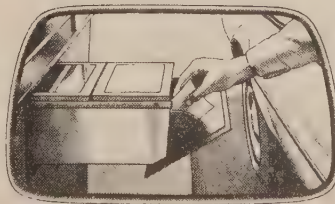
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# Police beat

## ALBANY

Albany police report the following incidents, among others, for the week ending March 26:

- Police arrested Nancy A. Snyder, a 19-year-old resident of Los Garos, March 26 and charged her with several counts of auto burglary. Snyder, who has been living at the Villa Motel on San Pablo Avenue, was arrested after police responded to an automobile's alarm and found her nearby.
- An AC Transit bus struck a legally parked vehicle in the 1000 block of Santa Fe Avenue March 26 about 6:15 a.m. The impact caused a chain reaction and two other vehicles parked on the street were hit and destroyed.
- Three automobile

burglaries and one attempted burglary were reported March 25. A stereo, worth \$250, was reported stolen from an automobile parked in the 900 block of Stannage Avenue. A stereo and equalizer, worth \$469, were reported automobile parked in the 700 block of Carmel Avenue. A stereo, worth \$450, was reported stolen from an automobile parked in the 1100 block of Evelyn Avenue. An attempted automobile burglary was reported in the 1500 block of Beverly Place.

- A battery, worth \$65, was reported stolen March 24 from an automobile parked in the 500 block of Pierce Street.
- A burglar stole small items of jewelry from an apartment in the 400 block

of Kains Avenue and two gold chains, worth \$180, from another apartment in the same building March 23. The burglar attempted to break into four other units in the building, but failed.

- A 61-year-old man returning home from an Emeryville card room was the victim of an armed robbery March 24. The man was walking about 3 a.m. in the 500 block of Pierce Street, when the robber called out "Keep quiet or I'll shoot you." The robber escaped with an unknown amount of money.
- A Santa Cruz wooden skateboard, worth \$100, was reported stolen March 23 from a locker at Albany High School on Key Route Boulevard.

- A 14-year-old Albany girl and several girlfriends were caught about 10 p.m. on March 23 drinking beer near the Marin School playground on Mann Avenue. The alcohol was confiscated and the underage group sent home with a warning.
- Jewelry, worth \$1,775, was reported stolen March 22 from an apartment in the 500 block of Pierce Street.
- A stereo and speakers, worth \$600, were reported stolen March 22 from an automobile, parked in an apartment building garage in the 700 block of Calhoun Street.
- A china dish set was reported stolen March 21 from the storage room of an apartment building in the 400 block of Cornell Avenue.

- A 30-year-old Albany woman, driving in the 300 block of Stannage Avenue, reported March 20 passing a man who exposed himself.
- A cassette stereo, worth \$280, was reported stolen March 19 from the 1000 block of Santa Fe Avenue.

There were 15 adult arrests.

**FL CERRITO**

El Cerrito police reported the following incidents, among others, for the week ending March 25:

- On March 24, a burglar used a pry tool to break into a home in the 6200 block of Cypress Avenue. The intruder took \$489 in stereo equipment and a clothes hamper in which to

carry it.

- At El Cerrito High School, a 15-year-old Richmond boy took a \$100 skateboard from the locker of another boy on March 21.
- Two men, armed with handguns, robbed the Bing Duong Market, 11065 San Pablo Ave., on March 18. "Turn around and face the wall," one said. They escaped with \$1,696. Employees said the men were Asians, 18 to 21, who spoke "pure" Vietnamese. One wore a star earring in his left ear.
- On March 18, a strong-armed robber attacked the manager of the Power Gas station on San Pablo Avenue in the men's room. The attacker, a male in his 30s, grabbed a wallet containing \$115 during the

fight.

- Theodore Bell, 42, Vallejo, was arrested at the Record Factory, 9999 San Pablo Ave. on March 21 for allegedly taking \$87.92 in cassette tapes without paying for them.
- Emerson Surkala, 38, was arrested for brandishing a knife at a 26-year-old Contra Costa College student on San Pablo Avenue. Allegedly he said, "Come here, b---, let me stab you." Also on March 19, Surkala was arrested for battery. Allegedly Surkala grabbed a 30-year-old woman and said, "I'm going to take you down the road." When she summoned her teamster husband, police said, Surkala threatened him with a knife that had a four-inch blade.

- On March 20, a cle, valued at \$100, stolen from an unlocked garage in the 1900 block of Key Route.
- At the Power Gas station, 6009 Potrero, a tourist gave the station a bogus \$20 bill on March 20 and drove away with it of gas and change.
- Douglas Lefebvre was arrested for shoplifting at Payless Drug Co. on San Pablo Ave. He allegedly left the store with merchandise which he had not purchased.
- Two girls, ages 10, who allegedly stole \$9.96 and \$5.98 from a less, were arrested March 18.
- On March 23, a man threw a rock through a window in the 5700 block of Lassen Street, entered, stole \$850 in stereo equipment.
- Unknown vandals attacked a 1973 Plymouth parked in the 100 block of San Carlos Avenue March 20. They tore off the side mirror, scratched paint and bent the windshield wipers. Damage, \$200.
- In Canyon Trail on March 18, a 26-year-old man was hit on the head with a rock fired from a slingshot of a 15-year-old boy. "I didn't see," said the boy.
- An anonymous caller threatened the Contra Costa Co-op Market, 17500 Shore Blvd., with a bomb 1 p.m. on March 19.
- On March 19, a 26-year-old Richmond man climbed in the window of a home in the 7200 block of Potrero Avenue and stole \$1,610 worth of jewelry. They were arrested and jewelry was recovered.
- There were 15 adult arrests.

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To join, call the Alameda County Unit of the American Cancer Society at 832-7012.

New volunteers will tend three evenings of entertainment meetings March 28, April 4 and April 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Unit's Oakland office.

## Repertory poetry night

The West End Repertory presents an evening of poetry reading, "The Bardic Art" on Wednesday, March 21 at 8 p.m.

The price is \$3 general, \$2.50 for students and the tired.

Tickets are available at the door. Phone 525-4400 for information.

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## Musical mystery

"Something's Afoot" a musical spoof of Agatha Christie mysteries, opens the Mysterians Playhouse, 105 Park Road on Friday evening April 6 at 8:30 p.m. Performances will continue Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:30 p.m. through May 12.

There will be two Sunday matinees on April 29 and May 6 at 2:30 p.m.

This musical was written by James McDonald, David Voss, and Robert Gerlach. The play is directed by George Johnson. Musical direction is by M. Siskert.

Admission is \$5 for evening performances and \$4.50 for matinees. For reservations, call 526-1038.















Bubbles O'Brian was seen in the bar just before the murder



Times Journal photo by Debra Jensen

## More on Mayfair murder cape

EL CERRITO — Suspicion has fallen on Bubbles O'Brian as investigation continues on the Mayfair Caper, an imaginary murder mystery enacted in real locations.

Reliable sources in the department said that Lt. Garibaldi Fahrquhar of Homicide has found incriminating evidence in the getaway car, a stolen vehicle which police recovered last night in Tilden Park.

A half-pack of cigarettes on the floor of the car and an ashtray full of butts proved to be "Harem Nights," a rare Turkish blend habitually smoked by O'Brian. Traces of lipstick were found on the butts.

A photograph taken shortly before the murder shows O'Brian on the scene, near the murderer.

O'Brian is currently running the lucrative "Red House," previously controlled by murder victim Madam Moralsky. The house is located at the corner of San Pablo and Central, across from the well-known It Club.

Private detective Joseph G. Deco, formerly the victim's bodyguard and now in the employ of speakeasy owner Don Viale, disputes the official theory. "Bubbles is

cute, but she's not what we want," Deco said, "ing off a chain smoker who would leave half a hind."

Viale said the first person to guess the identity of the murderer will get a free dinner for two at the El Station speakeasy. The second correct solution will win a copy of the "World Bibliography of Sherlock Holmes," Dr. Watson," donated by Big Cat Books; third prize, a copy of "Bad Blood: A Family Murder in Manhattan."

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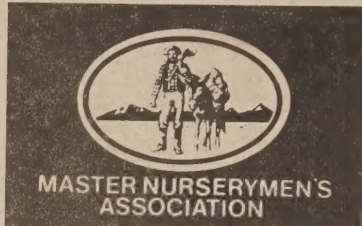
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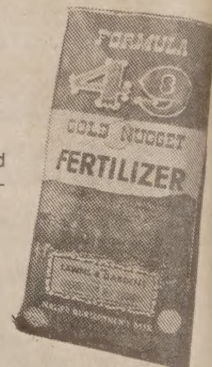


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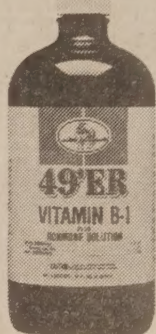
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**49er Weed Killer** gets even hard-to-kill varieties like sheep sorrel, oxalis, yellow, clovers, chickweeds, and branched knot weeds.

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